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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 1861.



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R E P O R T.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHE-
NÆUM respectfully present the following Report of their
proceedings and of the progress of the Institution for
the past year.

No efforts have been spared to carry out the purposes
of the Institution, and to make its influence and opera-
tions most effective in the great cause to which it is dedi-
cated; and, notwithstanding the disturbed condition of
the times (so unfavorable to literary occupation and en-
terprise), a large measure of activity and interest has
been maintained. In common with other literary bodies
in our country, we have felt the shadow of public misfor-
tunes; and, in some respects, have failed to realize so
decided a progress for the year, as, at the time of our
last Report, we were reasonably authorized to anticipate.
With the single exception, however, of a course of lec-
tures omitted, the means of intellectual and moral
improvement have remained at least undiminished, if,
indeed, they have not been increased beyond those of

previous years. Valuable additions by donation and purchase have been made to the Library, which will be fully noticed hereafter. The Reading-room has afforded a quiet and agreeable retreat to readers both of our newspaper and other current literature, and of the volumes from our shelves. The number of those frequenting the Library for the purpose of reading at our tables, as reported by the Librarian, is greater than on any previous year. The number of volumes circulated among the proprietors and subscribers is about the same as last year. To these indications of usefulness to those more immediately connected with the Institution, we may add the introduction here of numerous visitors, who, by their expressions of gratification, have attested the pleasure derived from an examination of the Library and the various objects displayed in our rooms.

Soon after the last annual meeting, the Directors referred the question of instituting a course of lectures to a Committee of their body, with instructions to make the necessary arrangements for such a course, if it should seem to be practicable ; but circumstances unfavorable to the success of this project were soon found to exist, both in the disinclination of lecturers for the effort, and in the condition of the public mind, which, in view of a threatening future, was beginning to be occupied, as it now so fully is, by one subject of universal interest, to the exclusion of all other topics. The proposed course was, therefore, abandoned for the year ;

with the hope, however, that, when order shall be restored in public affairs, the enterprise may be resumed, and regularly sustained thereafter.

By the last Report, made September, 1860, it appears that there were then in the Library 9,781 volumes. The whole number of volumes since added is as follows:—

By purchase	136
„ donation	617
„ binding	58
Total	<u>811</u> volumes.

Making the whole number of volumes now in the Library 10,592.

Of the additions by purchase, the most valuable and important is that which (with volumes previously belonging to us) makes a complete set of Bohn's Standard Library, uniformly and finely (half) bound in calf. It was offered to us at an extremely low price; and, notwithstanding the reduced condition of our funds, we did not think it wise to neglect the opportunity of obtaining it at so great advantage. Some of the volumes purchased are duplicates of unbound volumes on our shelves, which are being disposed of profitably for the Institution. To Dr. Cogswell, of the Astor Library, we were indebted for the opportunity of making this purchase; and to him our thanks are due for this, in addition to other acknowledged favors received from him.

The largest accessions to the Library for the past year have been by donation; the volumes so acquired

amounting, as before stated, to 617 volumes. A list of the donors is subjoined: among them will be noticed the names of individuals who have repeatedly made donations in previous years, and whose continued interest in the Institution, manifested in this way, is deserving of particular mention and regard. If their example were generally followed by those, who, with a like inclination and friendly interest, are only prevented from making such donations by the slight personal inconvenience they occasion, our treasures of knowledge and art would regularly receive a large augmentation, — far greater than it is in the power of the Institution to command by its own limited means. It is not the least of the advantages of a general participation in these offerings by all who can afford it, that, beside adding greatly to our literary means, it tends to promote in the public at large increased interest and sympathy for the Institution which they thus protect and sustain.

Among these donations, we beg to call attention to the volumes received from Duncan C. Pell, Esq., who from recent publications has made a choice selection of popular works, and generously presented them to the Library. They amount to eighty-eight volumes, and are placed together in a case corresponding to that containing the donation of Sidney Brooks, Esq.

A valuable work just published in two volumes quarto, entitled “ Battles of the United States by Sea and Land,”

by H. Dawson, has been presented by Henry James, Esq.

We have received from Mrs. Louisa Waterhouse, of Cambridge, Mass., a bust and a large photographic portrait of her husband, the late Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse; and another similar photograph of Gilbert Stuart, the artist. The portraits were both taken from original pictures by Stuart. The gift was accompanied with gratifying expressions of a kind regard for the Institution.

The following is a list of all the donations to the Library, and Gallery of Art, for the year, with the names of the donors:—

Astor Library, New York	2 vols.
William P. Atkinson, Cambridge	1 vol.
Miss Mary Barber	1 vol.
H. P. Beck, Philadelphia	2 vols.
James Birckhead	1 vol.
Mrs. N. I. Bowditch, Brookline	1 vol.
Rev. C. H. Brigham, Taunton	1 pamphlet.
Hon. A. D. Bache, Washington	1 vol.
Charles Burdich	1 vol.
Boston Public Library, per C. C. Jewett	1 pamphlet.
R. Canfield	1 map.
James Clarke	4 vols.
Rt. Rev. Thomas Clarke, Providence	1 pamphlet.
Issacher Cozzens, New York	78 vols. and 32 pamphlets.
Hon. William H. Cranston	1 vol.
Congress of United States, per Hon. Thomas Lawson	3 vols.
Congress of United States, per Hon. C. B. Smith	51 vols.
J. D'Wolf, Dorchester	1 vol.

Benjamin Downing	13 vols. and 5 pamphlets.
Rev. Dr. Dumont	3 vols.
S. F. Dunlap, New York	2 vols.
Rev. Isaac Ferris, „	1 pamphlet.
Dr. S. W. Francis, „	2 vols.
Dr. V. M. Francis, „	1 vol.
B. F. French, „	1 vol.
Guglielmo Gajani, „	1 vol.
Hon. William Hunter, Washington	2 vols.
J. S. Gould, Hudson	3 vols.
William Gilpin	1 vol.
Henry James	2 vols.
Dr. George Hayward, Boston	4 pamphlets.
Rev. Mr. Jacoby, New York	2 vols.
Charles B. King, Washington	11 vols.
Dr. David King	7 pamphlets.
Edward King	275 vols.
W. H. King	5 vols.
Rev. Richard Knight, Knightville, R.I.	1 vol.
William C. Langley	1 vol. [newspapers.
R. M. Mason, Boston	1 pamphlet and a file of
Massachusetts State Library	1 vol. and 4 pamphlets.
Thomas Newton	1 vol.
New-York Mercantile Library	1 pamphlet.
New-York Society Library	1 pamphlet.
Mrs. Caroline Paine, New York	1 vol.
Duncan C. Pell	88 vols.
Dr. U. Parsons, Providence	2 pamphlets.
H. Pierrepont, Brooklyn	1 pamphlet.
Hon. E. R. Potter, Kingston	2 vols. and 1 pamphlet.
Samuel Powell, Philadelphia	1 pamphlet.
Philadelphia Society on Prisons	2 pamphlets.
Robert Ray, New York	1 vol.
Hon. C. Robinson, Woonsocket	17 vols.
S. Randall, Providence	1 map.
Mr. Roberts, Amherst	1 pamphlet.
Charles H. Russell, New York	1 vol. and 2 pamphlets.
State of Rhode Island, per Hon. J. R. Bartlett	1 vol. and 2 pamphlets.

Hon. David Sears, Boston	2 vols. and 1 pamphlet.
Miss E. K. Sayer	1 vol.
Hon. W. P. Sheffield	1 vol. and 2 pamphlets.
Rev. J. A. Spencer, New York	4 vols.
Caleb Stark, New Hampshire	1 vol.
Smithsonian Institution	1 vol. and 6 pamphlets.
R. J. Taylor	1 vol. and 18 pamphlets.
H. T. Tuckerman, New York	2 vols. and 1 pamphlet.
United-States Naval Academy, per Thomas Forde	1 vol. and 1 pamphlet.
J. C. Van Rensselaer	5 vols.
William S. Wetmore	1 vol.
Rev. Hobart Williams	2 vols.
H. A. Wright	1 map.
Dr. James Wynne, New York	1 vol.
James T. Patten, Bath, Me.	1 oil-painting.
Philip Rider	1 engraved portrait.
S. Randall, Providence	1 engraved portrait.
Mrs. Louisa Waterhouse, Cambridge . .	1 bust and 2 photographs.

Beside these donations, there are some others of a miscellaneous character to be reported. Dr. George A. Hammett has made a cash donation of forty-seven dollars. We have received a United-States flag, which was raised on the 4th of July last, and now waves above the portico. The donors were W. C. Gibbs, Edward King, and Charles H. Russell, Esqs.

Several interesting additions have been made to our Cabinet of Curiosities; and, if we could afford it more ample accommodation, it is evident that it would rapidly increase, and become of prominent importance. It already contains many interesting objects. Of those presented this year, we may mention a fine specimen of

petrified wood, dug up near "Camp Sprague," Washington, and presented by Robert D. Coggeshall, of the first Rhode-Island Regiment; a fragment containing several links of the chain suspended across Hudson River, during the Revolutionary War, to obstruct the passage of British vessels; a block of carved granite from the Bogue Fort, near Canton, China, presented by Lloyd Minturn, Esq.; and a miniature frigate from Capt. William Ellery.

The Roger Williams Monument Association, through the Hon. James Y. Smith, have transmitted to us a certificate, entitling to a membership in that Association the person who may, for the time, be President of this Institution.

From George C. Mason, Esq., we have received several valuable manuscript and printed papers commemorative of transactions and events of our domestic and local history. Some of them are of considerable antiquity, and contain highly valuable autographs. They are the first, or among the first, of this class of donations; and will be arranged in a convenient repository, where, with other donations of like character, they may be safely preserved.

We have in possession a considerable number of pamphlets, which, as yet, are not registered in the catalogue. While unbound, they are seldom consulted; and, even if bound in a miscellaneous manner, they are so difficult of access as often to repel examination. The

value of such a collection depends upon its completeness on any particular subject, as well as on its general extent and variety; and, for an easy reference to it, a strict classification is indispensable. Until our collection shall be large enough to be distributed into volumes on distinct subjects, it will scarcely be expedient to bind them together. We have, however, instructed the Librarian to examine and arrange those we have, preparatory to their being bound at the proper time. That they may be thus made accessible, and presented at an early day in the most convenient form for consultation, we beg to solicit from the members of the Institution, and others, the donation of such works of this class, on all subjects, as it may be in their power to give. We are happy to state that we have already received many such donations, and that, this year, they have been of increased importance.

The value of this department of literature, and the necessity of its preservation in a public institution, must be apparent to all. Pamphlets often contain the best expression of popular ideas in all the various stages of their progress. As narratives, they are a record of actions and events in their most minute details, while they are still in full remembrance of the authors, actors, and of all interested in them. As the direct and most practical purpose of such productions is to accomplish some object of passing interest, their value, after a time, is lost for the general reader, and they are left neglected,

to perish amid the dust and damp of the places where they are deposited. The donors may feel sure, that in our keeping, where they are regarded as possessing permanent interest, and a safe repository is specially provided, they will have a better chance of being preserved than if retained in the hands of the most careful individual; certainly far greater than when left to their ordinary fate in families.

A valuable series of old almanacs came into our possession last year by the liberality of John S. Gould, Esq., — the first dating in 1739. Before binding these, it would be desirable to have the missing numbers supplied; or, where this is difficult or impossible, to substitute almanacs of other editions for the years in which our set is wanting.

Our files of newspapers are increasing; and we have to acknowledge the donation of a volume of the "Newport Mercury" for part of the year 1789, presented by the proprietor of that paper. Had the attention of the friends of the Institution been called to this subject a few years earlier, we might have had a complete series of this record of our public and domestic history, the greater part of which, in its earlier issue, has either been altogether destroyed, or has passed beyond the borders of our State, and is now accessible to us only by the liberality of those whose wise anticipation of its importance secured it, when altogether neglected by those most interested in its preservation.

The new Catalogue, with an historical sketch appended, was issued from the press in October last. Its style of execution is all that can be desired ; and its plan and method of arrangement fully exhibits the extent of the Library, and furnishes the best facilities for its use. It is arranged in two general divisions : the first being a catalogue of all the works in the Library, in alphabetical order, by their *authors* and *titles* ; the second, a catalogue of the same volumes by their subjects. A portion of the first division, comprising all the books belonging to the Institution previous to 1859, was prepared and actually printed some time in that year ; but, before it was ready for publication with an appropriate Index, the Institution came into possession of means which promised an early and large increase of the Library. The completion of the Catalogue was therefore postponed, for the purpose of including in it the anticipated additions. That which had been previously printed constituted the largest part of the first division : and to save the additional expense that would have been incurred by printing it anew, incorporated with the additional volumes to be entered, it has been allowed to stand as it was printed ; and this division has been made complete by adding a Supplement, containing all the volumes acquired since 1859.

It will be observed, that each division, while having its own peculiar arrangement, contains a complete catalogue of all the books belonging to the Institution.

The Catalogue has been published under the advice and superintendence of a Committee of the Directors, who devoted much time and care to it. Mr. Benjamin E. Thurston was engaged in preparing for the press the sheets referred to as printed in 1859, and performed that service very satisfactorily. Our present Librarian, since he entered upon his office, has been in charge of the work ; and, in conducting it to completion, has exhibited exemplary judgment, accuracy, and attention.

The temporary removal of the United-States Naval Academy to this place is an interesting event of the year ; and it seemed the part of good fellowship, as well as of patriotism, to welcome its arrival, and to extend to it the civilities in our power. As expressive of such feeling, the Directors, in accordance, as they believe, with the general sentiment of the Stockholders, passed a resolution, tendering the use of the Reading-room to the Superintendent and Instructors of the Academy, and the Commandant of the United-States ship " Constitution," and his officers and their families ; which offer has been cordially accepted.

It will be recollected, that, at the last annual meeting, John Purssord, Esq., of London, was elected an honorary member. He was duly notified of his appointment ; and, in his letter of acceptance, desired us to present his grateful acknowledgments to the company, with assurances of his heartfelt wish for the continued prosperity of the Institution.

At the same meeting, it was resolved to apply to the Legislature for certain amendments to our charter, authorizing the appointment of a Vice-President, an increase in the number of Directors, the continuance in office of the officers of the Institution until others are elected in their places, and conferring increased authority on the Directors in certain cases. Several amendments to this effect have been granted by the Legislature, and are now presented for your acceptance. The following is a copy of the act of amendment:—

An Act in amendment of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several Acts in amendment thereof."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:—

SECT. 1. — That, in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may now elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be *ex officio* a Director; and not exceeding eight additional Directors.

SECT. 2. — The officers of the said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SECT. 3. — The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the Board of Directors.

SECT. 4. — So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

The publication of the Catalogue, and some other expenses, made it necessary to raise by loan the sum of \$850. Beside this, there are additional debts due to several individuals, amounting, as estimated, to \$177.15; making the whole present indebtedness of the Company

\$1,028.15, or thereabouts. Had the entire new issue of shares authorized been disposed of, as was last year anticipated, it would have prevented the necessity of incurring this debt; but, from causes which are apparent to all, no subscription for new shares has been obtained this year. Of the amount due for previous subscriptions, the largest part has been collected; though, owing to pecuniary embarrassments, we shall probably be prevented from collecting what remains unpaid. The income derived from monthly and season subscribers has fallen short of that of previous years. The amount in arrear for uncollected taxes is now quite large: some of it is the accumulation of several years; and that for this year is caused in part by the absence, from our place, of proprietors who are both able and willing to pay.

The Report of the Treasurer will exhibit the condition of our finances in detail. The following are the items of expenditure for the past year: —

Reviews and Periodicals	\$101.25
Newspapers	58.50
Books purchased	178.67
Binding Account	38.70
Salaries	697.92
Catalogue	550.21
Gas	158.20
Fuel	57.25
Incidental Expenses	179.54
	<u>\$2,020.24</u>

Though the result of the operations for the year, as thus exhibited, is less favorable than we could wish,

yet there can be no doubt, that, in times of ordinary repose and prosperity, the Institution will continue not only to maintain itself, but regularly to advance, and to extend still more largely its beneficent influences.

The general management of the Institution, by those to whose immediate care it is intrusted, has given us satisfaction, and, as we believe, has afforded all needed facilities to the stockholders and the public in the use of its privileges; and, in concluding our Report, it gives us much pleasure to bear renewed testimony to the zeal and assiduity, in this behalf, of the Librarian and his assistant, on whom so much depends for the orderly and agreeable working of the several departments.

All which is respectfully submitted by

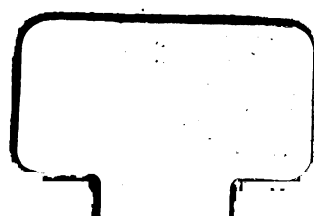
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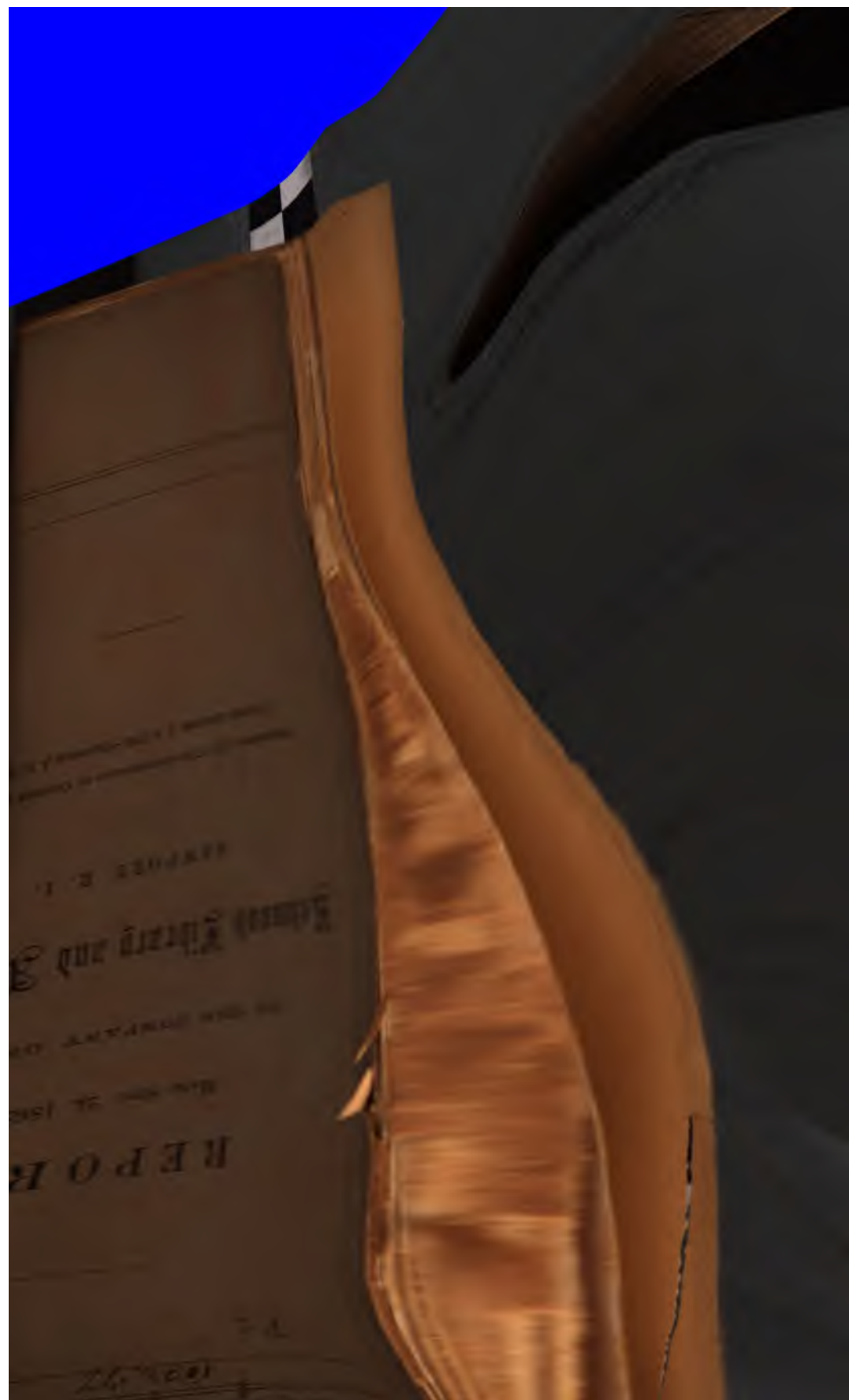
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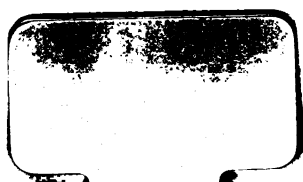
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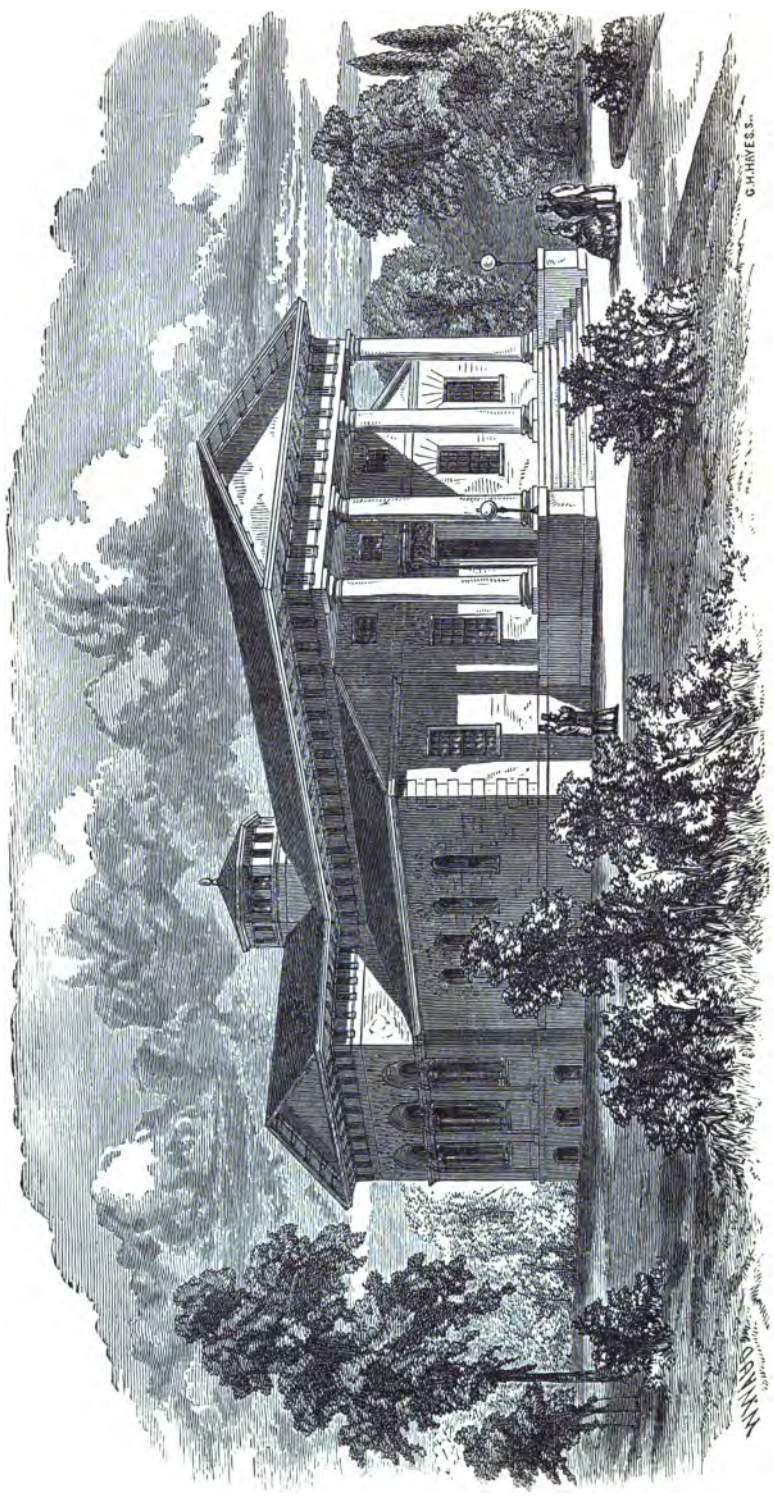
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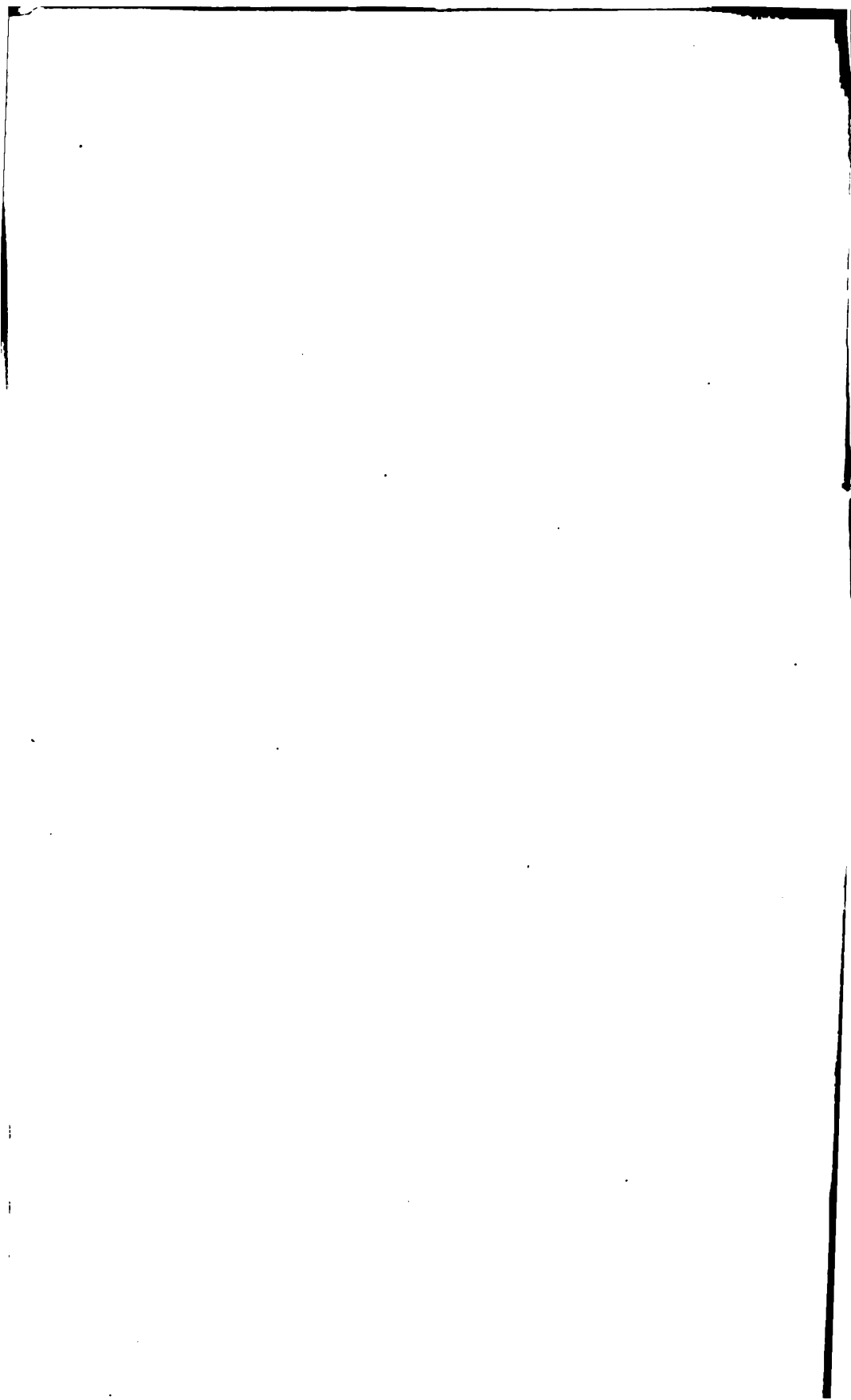
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1862-63.

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Vice-President,

WILLIAM C. COZZENS.

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| 2. SIDNEY BROOKS, | 11. CHARLES T. BROOKS, |
| 3. DAVID SEARS, | 12. ANDREW ROBESON, JR., |
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| 5. A. H. DUMONT, | 14. JAMES LENOX, |
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| 19. EDWARD KING. | |

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BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Clerk,

GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COMPANY OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
NEWPORT, R. I.,
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPT. 24, 1862.

At the annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1862, at 3 o'clock P. M., there were present—

John T. Bush,	William S. N. Allan,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,	Nathan H. Gould,
A. H. Dumont,	• George C. Mason,
Charles T. Brooks,	Rowland R. Hazard, Jr.,
Benj. H. Rhoades,	S. W. Butler,
Theophilus C. Dunn,	Samuel Adlam,
Dumont Clark,	Henry E. Turner,
Edward A. Sherman,	Sidney Brooks,
Joseph B. Weaver,	Thomas Hitchcock,
Robert J. Taylor,	William P. Sheffield,
George G. King,	Charles Howard Malcom,
William C. Cozzens,	T. D. Hazard.

PROXIES were presented by N. H. Gould, from Samuel Brown, John Eldred, W. H. Sanford, David J. Gould, and W. H. D. Spooner.

Augustus M. Tower represented Mrs. A. C. De Jongh's share.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz:

Messrs. John Doty,	Charles L. Stanhope,
Jonathan Dame,	William A. Stedman,
William S. Child,	William H. Sanford,
William Leverett,	Robert J. Sturgis,
Henry Parmenter,	William Sherman.

The Report of the Committee to examine the Books in the Library was read, received, and ordered to be recorded and filed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account was read, received, and ordered to be recorded and filed.

The Report of the Directors to the Proprietors, read by George G. King, was received, and ordered to be recorded and filed.

On motion of A. H. Dumont,

Voted, That seven hundred copies of this Report, &c., be printed under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year, viz :

GEORGE G. KING, *President*.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice President*.

DIRECTORS.

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| 19. EDWARD KING. | |

TREASURER :

GEORGE COZZENS.

SECRETARY :

ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

COR. SECRETARY :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

(Who, at a subsequent meeting of the Directors, was chosen *Librarian*.)

Messrs. C. E. Hammett, Jr., and S. W. Butler were chosen a Committee to examine the Books in the Library, previous to the next annual meeting.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

Voted, To assess a tax of two dollars on each Proprietor, in addition to the one dollar provided by the Charter.

On motion of Thomas Hitchcock,

Voted, That the annual dues for the past year, and the coming year, be remitted to all members who, during those years, have been or may be absent in the military or naval service of the national government.

Adjourned.

(Signed :) ROBERT J. TAYLOR, *Sec'ry*.

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM respectfully present the following Report of their proceedings, and of the condition of the Institution for the year ending September 24th, 1862.

The Institution has continued to fulfill the duties prescribed by the recent provisions of its organization, and the Directors are happy to testify, on this occasion, to its continued prosperity, and a regularly increasing interest in its welfare. The disastrous state of public affairs, and the obligation incumbent on a people struggling for national existence, to devote all their resources to that momentous object, has had its effect to withhold funds that we should otherwise have received, and has forced us to suspend any plans of enlargement or improvement requiring additional means for their accomplishment. In times like these, we must be satisfied to rest in

the enjoyment of the ordinary results of the Institution, as it is already developed, without looking for any considerable extension of its advantages. It must be sufficient to give the best effect to those arrangements already provided; and this result, at least, we believe to have been attained in the conduct of the Institution during the past year. It has continued liberally to dispense its benefits to all within the sphere of its influence; sending its volumes to the homes and among the families of the members, and supplying their varied demands for intellectual improvement and recreation; and to the many who have sought for entertainment and instruction within its peaceful walls, it has furnished the needed gratification, and a retreat in agreeable contrast with the threatening aspects now too often witnessed in all the active operations of life.

The LIBRARY and READING ROOM constitute, at present, the prominent departments of the Institution, the support of which in full activity is especially required; and to these the application of the funds at our command has been necessarily principally confined. Their advance is very considerable, even when compared with the increased interest and accelerated growth of recent years. The accessions to the Library exceed those of the preceding year, and include many volumes of the greatest value and rarity.

The Librarian reports a small falling off in the number of books circulated among the members, which may not unreasonably be attributed to the prevalent anxiety respecting the state of the country. Independent of such feeling, the interest in the Institution and the desire to avail of its advantages remain undiminished. The number of persons frequenting it to consult works whose use is limited to our rooms, and especially to read at our tables the volumes for general circulation on our shelves, has not been surpassed in any previous year. The Librarian also reports an increase of visitors and a more general interest in the periodicals and newspapers in the Reading Room. The absorbing character of the public events, daily transpiring, naturally attracts a large share of attention to the record of the times, and invites the more frequent meeting of our members for conference and sympathy.

We have had in contemplation some improvement in the Library, which we should have commenced had our means permitted. With the view of attracting the young, by affording them peculiar benefits, it has been proposed to introduce a new class or division of works specially suited to their taste and intellectual requirements. As intimated, our means have not allowed us to enter upon this project, by the purchase of the desired volumes, and we can now only indicate it as a plan to be real-

ized in the future. It may attract attention, and means for its fulfillment, by being announced, in this public manner, as a desired object yet to be attained.

By our last Report, made September, 1861, it appears that there were then in the Library, 10,592 volumes. The whole number of volumes since added is as follows :—

By purchase.....	83
“ binding.....	25
“ donation.....	764

Total872 volumes.

Making the whole number of volumes now in the Library, 11,464.

It will be seen that the additions by purchase bear but a small proportion to those by donation ; and if in future we shall have no greater means than those at present available, to enable us to furnish for our readers the works of current literature, a deplorable deficiency in many volumes of the greatest demand and attraction must soon be apparent, seriously impairing the influence of the Institution. We may hope, however, when the present troubles have passed, and our promised means are realized, to be in possession of an ample fund for the regular yearly addition to our Library, by purchase, of the principal works of recent publication. This condition is essential to inspire a continued interest in the

Library, and to furnish the information most in demand by the reading community. A public library requires to be kept in healthy and active operation, and in sympathy with the absorbing present, by, as it were, a constant renewal of its life, in the introduction of the works of living authors and improved editions of the older standard writers. The donations of individuals, from their own libraries, however numerous, can never be relied on as permanently and sufficiently answering this purpose. Except in the case of scholars, gathering a library for their own professional use, or for the investigation of particular subjects, collections of books, as they accumulate in private hands, have generally a very varied and miscellaneous character; and though often well selected for the purposes of the individual, become, when he is prepared to part with them to a public library, less valuable for its purposes, either because it has anticipated him in the purchase of the same or equivalent works, or because new works have taken their place. The pressing demand of the public for what is new is ever in advance of the necessities of the individual, and calls for volumes unsuited to his means and occasions. In some rare instances, donors have taken pains, by personal inquiry, to ascertain the deficiency of the Library in books, to which, either for their novelty or their rarity, a special interest is attached, and by the application of their own funds, have undertaken to sup-

ply the needed volumes. This is one of the most valuable forms of private bounty to an institution like this. It actively aids in carrying on, to systematic completion, the project of a library fitted to supply the wants of all classes of readers, and it gives us the advantage, at the same time, of both the intelligent choice, and the kind liberality of the donors. Instances of this character may be enumerated among the donations of which we have been the recipients. Attention may properly be called to the special advantage of such donations, under the present circumstances of the Institution; and we may add that the smallest donation, even that of a single volume, will partake of a similar interest and value, when it is that volume which has afforded the donor personal delight, or tells best the truth of a cherished opinion. These remarks are intended only to intimate a particular want of our own, without thereby depreciating other forms of donation. It will be found indeed, that, in various ways, all classes of donation have their value, and contribute, in almost equal degree, to give importance to our collection. Some of the most valuable works belonging to us are those which had been long possessed by the donor, and endeared to him by valued use, by himself, or his family, before they were consigned to our care. Beside the acquisition of books selected for professional objects, or derived from kindred, the accidents of life bring into almost every

family some volume of superior interest, and often the more valuable because not likely to be re-issued in its original form. We can never too highly prize treasures like these; and when they come to us from those to whom they have been the familiar volumes of daily study for years, or sometimes as the accumulations of a life, they must be regarded as associated with the education of our benefactors, and as the intelligent agents which secured their appropriation to a public use.

Included in the list of donations for the year, is the whole of one private library, to which we shall more particularly refer in a subsequent part of this Report.

We have received, from several public and literary institutions, donations of volumes containing interesting sketches of their history and organization, and well arranged catalogues of their collections.

Public and Congressional Documents have been received through the Hon. C. B. Smith, Hon. W. P. Sheffield, and our Senators in Congress. Colonial Records of the State of Rhode Island have been forwarded to us by Hon. J. R. Bartlett; and Reports of the Coast Survey, and of the Smithsonian Institute, by the Superintendents of those Institutions.

From Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, H. T. Tuckerman, Esq., Rev. C. T. Brooks, Mrs. P. S. Elton, H. C. Carey, Esq.,

Mrs. G. S. Silliman, Capt. James Coggeshall and Gen. P. Force, we have received works of which they are respectively the authors.

We have received, from Mr. Edward King, a large Historical Map of Newport, suitably framed and fitted for use and preservation. It is a correct copy from the original map, designed by the Rev. Dr. H. Jackson, and now the property of the city of Newport. It embodies many interesting memorials of our local history, compiled from various original sources, manuscript and traditionary, as well as from works in print. In it are presented topographical surveys of the early settlements in this county and of lands assigned to the first occupants. Among these are the surveys of various districts in Newport, interesting as localities that were the first seats of its population. In general, it exhibits the origin and progress of our municipal government, and early annals of our ecclesiastical history, with transcripts from Records, and autographs of many noted individuals. Objects of antiquarian interest are illustrated, and the evidence yet remaining to explain their design is here put in a form for preservation. To those interested in the past history of this place, this will ever be a useful fund of information; and it is the more deserving of our care because derived from sources that are perishable and widely separated, and not likely hereafter, in their entirety, to be accessible to one pursuing the same path of inquiry.

Our files of newspapers have been increased by a valuable donation from G. W. Ellery, Esq.; and from the Hon. Albert G. Greene and other donors mentioned in our list, we have received many valuable pamphlets.

From Mrs. M. M. Anderson we have received a copy of the Redwood Coat of Arms.

Some additions have been made to our Cabinet of Curiosities. Among them is a fragment of the Porcelain Tower of Nankin, an interesting relic of a noted edifice now crumbling to ruin; presented by R. M. Olyphant, Esq.

The following is a list of all the donations to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, for the year from Sept. 1, 1861, to Sept. 1, 1862, with the names of the donors.

Anderson, Elbert J., Portsmouth, R. I. Fac-simile of 18 Newspapers, executed with a steel pen on a single sheet of paper 3 × 5 ft., by Elbert Anderson.

Anderson, Mrs. Martha M., Portsmouth, R. I. 4 vols. and copy of Redwood Coat of Arms.

Bonaparte, Jerome Napoleon, Baltimore. 2 pphs.*

Beck, H. P., Philadelphia. 1 vol., and Photograph of Washington from Wax Original, by Mrs. Wright.

Boston, Public Library. 1 vol., 2 pphs.

Brewer, Gardner, Boston. 1 vol.

Brooks, Rev. C. T., Newport. 21 vols. 1 pph., and Medallion Likeness of Rev. John Lord.

Buffum, David, Middletown, R. I. 1 vol.

* Abbreviation for Pamphlet, pph.; Pamphlets, pphs.

- Butler, Doct. J. S., Hartford. 3 vols.
Calvert, George H., Newport. 1 pph.
Carey, H. C., Philadelphia. 1 pph.
Coast Survey—A. D. Bache. 3 vols.
Coggeshall, Capt. James, Brooklyn. 3 vols.
Collins, G. L., Sec. Friends' Alumni Association. 1 pph.
Congress of U. S.—Hon. H. B. Anthony, } 46 vols.
 Hon. J. F. Simmons, }
Dawson, Henry B., Morrisania, N. Y. 1 pph.
Depeyster, J. Watts, New York. 9 vols.
Detroit, Young Men's Society. 1 pph.
Dorigo, Mrs. C. H., Newport. 6 vols.
Dunn, Doct. T. C., Newport. 2 vols.
Dunn, Prof. R. P., Providence. 1 pph.
Ellery, Geo. W., Newport. 21 vols. 18 pphs.
Elton, Mrs. Prothesia, England. 1 vol.
Ford, John R., New York. 3 vols. 9 pphs.
Force, Peter, Washington. 14 vols. 3 pphs.
Goldsborough, Miss E. W., Washington. 1 vol.
Gibbs, William C., Newport. 1 vol.
Goffe, Stephen, Newport. Tappa Cloth, 11 × 6 ft., from King's
Mill Group.
Greene Farm, Trustees of, per Jos. Brenton. 1 vol.
Greene, Albert G., Providence. 10 vols. 180 pphs.
Greene, Wm. H., Newport. 1 vol., and bundle of early copies
Newport Mercury.
Hammond, Zenas L., Newport. Steel engraved Portrait of Wash-
ington in 1772.
Hayward, Doct. Geo., Boston. 1 vol. 53 pphs.
Hazard, Thos. R., Newport. 1 vol. 4 pphs.
James, Henry, Newport. 1 pph.
Junkin, Rev. Dr. D. X., Naval Academy. 5 vols. 14 pphs.
King, Charles B., Washington. 46 vols. 4 pphs. 42 paintings.
By Bequest, 391 vols. 14 vols. engravings. 3 portfolios
of engravings. 70 paintings.

- King, Edward, Newport. Antiquarian Map of Newport, designed by Henry Jackson, D. D., executed by Miss Margarette Almy.
- Lenox, James, New York. 1 pph., and steel engraved Portrait of Washington.
- Lewis, F. C., England. 7 vols.
- Little, Brown & Co., Boston. 1 pph.
- Malcom, Rev. C. H., Newport. 6 vols. 7 pphs.
- McKaye, Mrs. Maria E., New York. 1 vol.
- Massachusetts State Library. 1 pph.
- Narragansett Times. Jos. Hazard. Weekly paper ; (continued.)
- Narragansett Weekly. J. H. Utter & Co. Weekly paper ; (do.)
- Naval Academy. 1 pph.
- New Bedford Public Library. 1 vol. 11 pphs.
- New York, Bank of Commerce. 1 pph.
- New York, Christian Times. Rev. A. Dalton. Weekly paper ; (continued.)
- New York, Mercantile Library. 1 pph.
- New York, State Library, Albany. 9 vols. 14 pphs.
- Nicolai, Miss, Newport. 1 vol.
- Nourse, Prof. Jos. E., Naval Academy. 1 vol.
- Ohio State Library. 1 vol. 3 pphs.
- Olyphant, R. M., Shanghai. Piece of the Porcelain Tower, Nankin, China.
- Pell, Duncan C., Newport. 13 vols. 1 Map.
- Parish, Daniel, New York. 1 pph.
- Prescott, Rev. O. S., Newport. 1 vol.
- Powel, Samuel, Philadelphia. 6 pphs.
- Peckham, Francis B., Providence. 1 pph.
- Peckham, Charles B., Newport. 8 vols.
- Philadelphia North American and United States Gazette. Morton McMichael. Daily paper ; (continued.)
- Philadelphia Mercantile Library. 1 pph.
- Providence Evening Press. Cooke & Danielson. Daily paper ; (continued.)

- Rhoades, Lawrence, Boston. 1 vol. 1 pph.
- Rhode Island, State of, per Hon. J. R. Bartlett. 4 vols.
- Rhode Island Medical Society. 1 pph.
- Robeson, Andrew, Jr., Newport. 14 vols. 66 magazines.
- Rogers, Miss, Philadelphia. Portrait of Rev. Dr. Wm. Rogers, of Phila., a native of Newport. Painted by his daughter, from a life-size by Rembrandt Peale.
- Russell, Chas. H., New York. 2 vols.
- Sheffield, Hon. Wm. P., Newport. 10 vols. 68 pphs.
- Sears, David, Boston. 6 vols. 4 pphs.
- Sigourney, Mrs. L. H., Hartford. 10 vols.
- Silliman, Mrs. G. S., Brooklyn. 1 vol.
- A Friend, Brooklyn. 126 magazines.
- Sibley, John Langdon, Librarian Harvard College. 1 pph.
- Smith, Prof. A. W., Naval Academy. 1 vol.
- Smith, Rev. Dr. S. F., Newton, Mass. 1 vol.
- Smithsonian Institute, Washington. 4 vols.
- Townsend, Doct. S. D., Boston. 4 pphs.
- Tuckerman, Henry T., New York. 1 vol. 1 pph.
- Unitarian Association, Boston. 46 vols. 1 Monthly, (continued.)
- Walker, Doct. Wm. J., Newport. 4 pph.
- Watson, Winslow M., Washington. 2 vols.
- Weaver, Jos. B., Newport. 17 Almanacs and an Autograph Letter of Henry Clay.
- Weeden, John B., Newport. 61 magazines.
- Wetmore, Geo. Peabody, Newport. 1 vol. 75 magazines.
- Welles, Rev. E. M. P., Boston. 1 pph.
- Winthrop, B. R., New York. 3 pphs.
- Winthrop, Robt. C., Boston. 6 pphs.
- Wisconsin, State of. 1 vol.
- Anonymous. Picture of Redwood Library. Drawn by James Stevens ; engraved by W. D. Terry.

The following PAINTINGS, 42 in number, were received as a donation from CHARLES B. KING, in December, 1861.

Itinerant Artist.

Venus and Adonis, (from Titian.)

View in Italy, Environs of Milan.

Ceyx and Alcyone, (from Wilson.)

Telemachus on the Isle of Calypso.

Dying Soldier.

Snow Storm. "There's no place like home."

Conscience makes Cowards.

Mary Magdalene, (from Guido.)

Rembrandt's Mother, (from Rembrandt.)

The Young Dragoon.

Sigismunda and the heart of her lover, (from Correggio.)

La Fayette, (Original from Life, 1825.)

Vegetables.

Fish.

Grapes.

Gambler.

Rip Van Winkle returning from a Lounge.

"I will be a Soldier."

Bust of dead mother.

Interior of Rope Walk.

Lazy Lawrence.

"I hope I see you well."

House of Tasso at Sorento.

Industry and Idleness.

River Po. (Copy from Claude.)

Grandfather's Hobby.

Way of the World.

Portrait of C. B. King, about 1856.

Earl of Warwick, (from Vandyke.)

Dead Bird.

"White Cloud."

Landscape, (from Orizonte.)

Do. (Snow piece, do.)

Death.

Sleep.

Costume. Carolus 1st.

Columbus.

Pope Innocent X., (from Velasques.)

Cortez.

Costume of Female of Quality. Carolus 2d of France.

Costume, Time of Charlemagne. (A. D. 1000.)

Female Indian at the Toilet.

Eve at the Fountain. (Back view.)

Children, (from Sir Thomas Lawrence.)

Female and Swans.

Lady Sleeping under Umbrella.

Hadley's Falls, New York.

Great Falls of the Potomac.

Flower Piece.

The improvement which has taken place in our Gallery of Art, must be strikingly apparent to the most careless observer ; and all must be gratified to behold the increased decoration imparted to our rooms by the many fine pictures that have lately received a place on the walls. For their effective and agreeable arrangement we are much indebted to the committee who superintended it ; to one of whom, Capt. Littlefield, the Company are under special obligations, for the devotion of much valuable time to it.

Of the works of art received since the last annual meeting, we have to acknowledge the donation of a portrait of Washington from J. Lenox, Esq. ; a steel engraved portrait of the same, of 1772, from Z. L. Hammond, Esq. ; and also a photograph of the same, from H. Paul Beck, Esq. Miss Rogers has presented a portrait of her father, the Rev. William Rogers, of Philadelphia, painted by herself from the original by R. Peale.

In November last we received a communication from Mr. C. B. King, of Washington, intimating his readiness, in continuance of his favors to us, to make a further donation of pictures, if the Directors should judge it convenient to give them a place in our rooms. To this offer the Directors returned an immediate reply, expressing their grateful acceptance of the donation ; and they appointed Messrs. Mason, Turner and Littlefield a committee to receive and arrange the pictures in the Library. In the course of the two or three following months, Mr. King, in completion of his design in behalf of the Institution, forwarded five boxes of pictures, which were duly received by us. The whole number amounted to forty-two pictures, all of them the products of Mr. King's pencil, and among the most valued of his collection. They are specially mentioned on the annexed list. Their selection was made, and the arrangements for their transmission were superin-

tended, by the donor, while in ill health and afflicted with the complaint which finally proved fatal to him. This is the last of the many donations received from him during his life ; and his own personal care was expended in its bestowal, under the desire to see, for himself, his bounty reach its destined object.

With this statement, our notice of donations to the Gallery of Art, and to other departments of the Institution would be completed, but for the event which, while depriving us of a friend, has made us, to a greater extent than ever, a recipient of his favors.

It is our painful office to record, in this Report, the lamented decease of Mr. King, soon after making the aforementioned donation. That event took place in March last. On its announcement, the Directors assembled and passed appropriate resolutions of regard and respect for his memory, truly describing him as one of its "most cherished members, who from early life had taken a great interest in the prosperity of the Institution, and promoted its influence by frequent liberal donations and the many works of art which now adorn the walls of the Library."

The Directors also "resolved, in appreciation of the loss sustained in the death of this valued friend and benefactor, to cause to be placed on the walls of the Library, a Tablet commemorative of the char-

acter of one who had ever been so devoted to its best interests." They also, in a body, attended his funeral solemnities, in this place.

The full amount of benefit, designed by Mr. King for this Institution, was not known until after his decease. It now appears that, by his last Will and Testament, the Company have become entitled to a valuable Bequest, which at once adds many volumes to our Library, and greatly enlarges the Gallery of Art, both in its collection of paintings and of engravings. It also promises to afford a large fund applicable to the general purposes of the Institution hereafter.

This donation, in addition to those heretofore given by him, must now place him second to none in the extent of his benefactions.

There are three bequests, in our behalf, contained in the Will.

The first bequest, as amended by a subsequent provision, gives the right of selecting seventy-five pictures from the whole number of those left by him.

The second bequest is the specific donation of all his books and bound volumes of engravings, and also of his unbound engravings.

The third bequest conveys an interest, equal to one-fourth, in the residuary portion of his estate, real

and personal, remaining after the payment of certain specific and money legacies. The specific legacy of books and engravings has already been received by the Company, and is now placed in the Library. It consists of 391 volumes of books, (of which 31 volumes are illustrated works) ; 14 volumes of bound engravings of various sizes from large quarto to large folio ; and also of three portfolios of unbound engravings. A particular list of the whole is recorded in our books. We cannot easily over-estimate the importance of this accession to our Library, particularly on the subject of art. The illustrated works are generally rare and of high excellence. Among them are the works of Burnet on Composition, &c., V. Huet on Trees, *Admiranda Romanorum Antiquitatum*, Illustrations from the School of Raphael and from Annibale Carracci, *Ancient Reliques*, *Antiquarian and Topographical Cabinet*, Guillim's *Heraldry*, *Costumes Français* and other works of the same class.

The volumes of bound engravings deserve particular remark. It was Mr. King's desire, as we are informed, that his collection of engravings should be placed where they would receive due care for their preservation, and be made instrumental to the accomplishment of a useful purpose, by contributing, as far as possible, to the instruction of students and artists in this department. In furtherance of this de-

sign, he bestowed a valuable portion, consisting of about one hundred large engravings, on the Smithsonian Institute at Washington. These were delivered by Mr. King, to that Institution, sometime in the course of the last winter. Occasional donations were also made by him, in his last sickness, as a remembrance to friends visiting him. With these exceptions, constituting the smaller part of his collection, you have all the engravings acquired by him in the course of his long career as an artist, under the various opportunities and experiences of his professional life.

Some of them are prints possessed by him when a child, and remembered as the first that attracted his attention. Some are his chance gatherings, in his researches among the book stalls and repositories of art in London, while there as a young student in the academy. A still larger number are the careful selection of his maturer taste, made by him just on the completion of his studies in England, and while preparing for his return home. Beside these, will be found many prints prized by him as the gifts of valued friends, and some which he acquired by inheritance. To these circumstances of personal interest associated with them, we may add that the collection contains a very large proportion of early impressions, from designs by the best artists and engravers.

Seven quarto volumes contain prints classified as Historical, Religious, Classical, Landscape, Portraits, Costumes and Miscellaneous.

Seven other volumes are of folio size, generally of large dimensions, and are also arranged with reference to their subjects. They include many works from the old masters, a copy of Raphael's Bible, in fifty-two plates; some original etchings from Rembrandt; a series from Rubens, illustrating the life and destiny of Marie de Medicis; nine prints from the paintings of Titian, at Blenheim, the originals of which have recently been destroyed by fire, and a large number of other works from the Italian, Dutch, and other schools.

In portraiture, will be found many of great value; those from Vandyke and Reynolds alone making two volumes. The collection is especially rich in English engravings, published in London in the beginning of this, and the latter part of the last century, and presents examples from the works of Reynolds, Gainsborough, West, Romney, Stubbs, Copley, Cosway, and other noted artists of the time, with some fine specimens of the costly line engravings issued by Boydell.

The change which has taken place in the style of art in this department will probably prevent the reproduction, in our day, of works like these, and

they must remain in high estimation both for their rarity and beautiful effect. Some conditions restricting the general circulation of these volumes and providing for their careful use, were appended to this gift ; and it is the intention of the Directors, in conformity with what is understood to have been the wish of the testator, to indicate the terms of these conditions by an appropriate printed inscription on each volume.

The first bequest, before mentioned, gave the Company the right to select, out of any pictures left by the testator, a number not exceeding 75. In April last, the Directors received an intimation from the executor that it would be convenient for him to meet and arrange with some one authorized to make the selection ; and they accordingly appointed George C. Mason, Esq., their agent for this purpose. In performance of this service, for which he was so highly qualified, Mr. Mason went to Washington and selected the pictures deemed by him most eligible for the Institution. Seventy-five pictures were so selected, and all but five have since been received and are now in the Library. All the pictures left by the testator were exhibited to your agent ; and the Company may be sure that the choice could not be improved. It is an interesting fact, that in the last months of his life, Mr. King superintended the preparation of a list of all his pictures in his rooms,

and himself described their subjects or titles, and the personal incidents connected with them. He then designated those which, in his estimation, were most appropriate for the Library, as being of the greatest general interest and value. Among these were the portraits of historic or public personages, his collection of Indian portraits taken by him from life, and his larger landscapes and fancy pieces. These were included in the selection made by your agent, which will be found, substantially, to contain all which your benefactor thus indicated as desirable for the Institution.

It is not to be doubted, that the interest which he thus took, in the final disposition of these memorials of his labors and of his art, was closely related to the feeling, which strongly possessed him, that his mortal remains should repose in his earliest and most loved home. His wishes, in this respect, have been fulfilled, and he now rests by the side of his kindred. These works of art, long present on the walls of his room, and gathered around him in his last hours, many of them the best of his works, have now found their fitting repository in this Institution, which was to him, though long a resident of other places, both in his early years and his advanced age, a cherished resort.

It remains for future events to determine the amount which will be realized from our residuary

interest in the testator's estate. The unsettled condition of our country does not allow us to rely on the estimates which, in ordinary times, could be confidently made, in regard to the value of this property. Without venturing upon any such estimate, it will be sufficient, at this time, to state generally of what it consists. It is supposed, as we are informed, that all, or at least the greater part of the personal property left by the testator, will be required to discharge the debts and legacies to be paid before the division of the residuary portion in which the Company are interested. And, on this supposition, the residuary interest, for distribution to the Company and other legatees, will include all the real estate left by the testator in Washington and in Newport. The whole is directed to be sold by the executors, and its net proceeds divided into four parts. The Company will be entitled to one of these fourth parts. The principal part of the real estate is situated in the city of Washington. It consists of land, in central portions of that city, on which there are five buildings, all of them dwelling houses, and one of them is the dwelling occupied by the testator at the time of his decease, and containing, with other accommodations, his Artist's Studio and an Exhibition Room. All these buildings but one are on lots contiguous to each other, but capable, as is believed, of convenient division into separate parcels or estates for sale. Beside this property in Washington, there

is the estate in this city, consisting of a lot of land and dwelling house thereon, situated in Clarke street.

In concluding the record of this noble bequest to this Institution, we may be permitted to give a further expression of the thoughts suggested by the occasion. It may not inappropriately be added to the statement of this benefaction to us, that a portion of the residuary interest, equal to our own, is given to another public institution in this place—the Girls' School in Clarke Street, with two additional legacies, designed to promote laudable emulation, and to furnish pleasant recreation among the pupils. In this instance, we have presented to us, the example of an individual who, leaving the place of his birth in early life for another and distant home, and pursuing there a successful career, alike advantageous to his fortune and fruitful of new personal and local attachments, has ever retained, in undiminished force, his regard for the friends and scenes of his youth, with the desire, when his own personal care could no longer be exerted, to leave among them some abiding assurance of good in the future. In the distribution of his bounty among those objects thus early associated with him, while not neglecting the claims of even remote relatives, he has selected those institutions, of a permanent and elevated character, that are indissolubly connected with the highest interests of his native place. He was lib-

eral to those institutions in life, and they will receive the last tribute of regard which it was permitted him to make. All must admit the beneficent effect of such an endowment. Those especially, who are familiar with the tastes and feelings of the subject of our remarks, will regard this disposition of his property as eminently characteristic of him, and the necessary result of opinions which he had long entertained. The institutions on whom this heartfelt bounty has been bestowed, will most gratefully execute his wishes, and pay a deserved respect to his memory, by its wise and faithful administration.

With deep regret, we have to report the decease, since our last annual meeting, of two members of our Board, both of them valued friends of the Institution, and in regard to whom the Directors have felt bound to place on record, in their proceedings, Resolutions expressive of the loss sustained by the Institution, and of sympathy for their sorrowing friends.

Mr. Peleg Clarke died after a short illness in February last. He was present at a meeting of the Directors but a few days before, and presided as Chairman. He is truly represented, in the Resolutions passed on the occasion of his decease, to have been "for many years a warm and devoted friend of the Institution, cherishing it among the dearest objects of his care and ever thoughtful of its welfare." So habitual was his interest in our behalf, that in recent

years, hardly a day passed without his appearance within our walls.

Mr. William S. Wetmore died in June last. He had long been kept by severe illness from attending the meetings of the Board, but ever retained a warm interest for the welfare of the Institution to which he has been a munificent benefactor.

The Directors, in respect for the memory of our lamented associates, attended their funeral services ; and appended to this Report are copies of the Resolutions passed by them, on these several occasions.

The removal of the United States Naval Academy to this place, in the course of the last year, was welcomed by your Directors by an early tender of the use of the Reading Room to the Officers and Professors of the Academy and their families. This offer was cordially accepted, and their participation in our privileges has been productive of gratifying results. We have thought it advisable to give this privilege a wider application, and accordingly in October last, we invited the Officers and Professors and their families to the free use of both the Library and Reading Room. We also invited the Cadets of the Academy to visit and use the Library and Reading Room, at such time in each week as the Superintendent of the Academy might indicate. This further invitation has been accepted, and, for it, appropriate acknowledgments have

been returned. Beside being attended with advantages to ourselves, we regard this extension of our privileges, especially in this time of national misfortune, as only a reasonable and appropriate expression of sympathy and regard for an Institution of vital importance to a noble department of the public service.

The indebtedness of the Company at the date of the last report was stated to be \$1,028,¹⁵/₁₀₀. We have not been able, since that time, to make any reduction in our liabilities. Indeed, the necessities of the Institution, as at present conducted, have compelled us to obtain the loan of a further sum, to be applied to current and other expenses. Beside the small balance due the Treasurer, there is due from the Company, on notes at bank, the sum of \$1,200; also a further sum for Books and other items of expenditure, the bills for which have not yet been presented. The whole indebtedness of the Company at the present time, as exhibited in the Treasurer's account annexed, is \$1,205,⁸⁸/₁₀₀.

In addition to the ordinary expenses of the Institution, some expenditures have been necessarily incurred for the reception and care of valuable donations.

The "new issue" of shares recently authorized by the Company is still only in part disposed of; and there remain twenty-nine shares for sale.

We beg to report the sale, since our last meeting, of five shares; four to R. S. Sturgis, Esq., and one to William Sherman, Esq.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTIONS passed by the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, at a Special Meeting, held February 21, 1862.

WHEREAS, The tidings have fallen suddenly and sadly on our hearts of the death of one of our members, HON. PELEG CLARKE, who had for many years been a warm and actively devoted friend of this Institution, cherishing it among the dearest objects of his care, and ever thoughtful for its welfare :

Therefore, *Resolved*, That we the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, hereby express our sorrowing submission to the will of the All Wise Disposer, who has taken our late colleague to Himself, that we beg to offer our tender sympathies to his sorely bereaved family.

And further, *Resolved*, That we will as a body attend his funeral.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

CHARLES T. BROOKS, } *Committee.*
THEOPHILUS C. DUNN, }

RESOLUTIONS passed March 21, 1862.

WHEREAS, This Board has received intelligence of the death of CHARLES B. KING, Esq., the Artist, late of Washington, D. C., a native of Newport, R. I., and most devotedly attached to the place of his nativity and all its institutions :

And, *Whereas*, In the death of Mr. King, this Institution has lost one of its oldest and most cherished members, who from early life had taken a great interest in its prosperity and promoted its influence by frequent liberal donations and the many works of art, which now adorn the walls of the Library, chiefly the productions of his own pencil, many of them the finest efforts of his genius :

Therefore, *Resolved*, That as a testimonial of our appreciation of the loss which this Institution sustains in the death of this valued friend and benefactor, we will cause to be placed on the walls of the Library, a Tablet commemorative of the character of one who was ever devoted to its best interests.

Resolved, That as a further mark of esteem, this Board will attend the funeral of Mr. King.

Resolved, That a copy of the Resolutions be published in the newspapers of this city.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,	} Committee.
GEORGE C. MASON,	

RESOLUTIONS passed June 17, 1862.

WHEREAS, This Board has heard with sorrow of the death of one of its valued members, WILLIAM S. WETMORE, Esq., who for many years has been a Director of, and has been connected with this Institution ever since his residence in Newport, and has also been a munificent benefactor to the same ; it is, therefore,

Resolved, That this Board desire to express their sorrow at the death of their friend and late associate, and although long

deprived of his counsel and services during his protracted illness, they know that he ever felt a lively interest in all that was done for this Institution, and inculcated in his children a sincere and affectionate regard for it, constantly encouraging them to visit the Library and enjoy its advantages and pleasures.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Wetmore, our community will most feelingly unite with us in their regret, that one so earnestly and enthusiastically devoted to the welfare and growth of our city (the home of his adoption) should be taken from our midst, looking anxiously forward, as he did, to the time when its comforts and advantages should be as fully appreciated by others, as they have been by himself, and constantly suggesting plans for its improvement and attractiveness.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere condolence to the children of the deceased in this hour of their great affliction, and most tenderly commend them to the kind care of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That this Board will attend the funeral services of our deceased friend, at his late residence, to-morrow, June 18th, at 5 P. M.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the family.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
GEORGE C. MASON,	
CHARLES T. BROOKS,	
D. C. PELL,	

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE BOOKS.

The Committee appointed to examine the Books in the Library, respectfully report, that they have performed that duty and find them in excellent order, and arranged in a manner creditable to the Librarian and his Assistant.

The Committee do not consider it advisable to enumerate the volumes which need binding, but would mention only, that the new Encyclopedia Britannica, a valuable heavy work, should be bound substantially, in order to preserve it. We would suggest the propriety of appropriating a specific sum, to be used at the discretion of the Librarian, or a Committee for that purpose, in order to re-bind such volumes as need it most.

We find also that the number of volumes, from 10,592, in September, 1861, has, by the purchase of 83 volumes, the donation of 764, and the binding of 25 volumes of periodicals, increased to 11,464; making the whole number added, within the last three years, 4,000 volumes. This rapid and unexpected increase of Books to the Library, as well as the large number of Pictures, added by the munificence of the late MR. KING, render it necessary that additional shelf-room be provided, as many volumes are now waiting until it can be finished.

It is also worthy of notice, that but one volume has been lost during the year. Two were carried away, possibly by mistake, by a gentleman who, during his stay in Newport, was a liberal donor to the Library.

S. W. BUTLER,
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR. } *Committee.*

Newport, Sept. 24, 1862.

8. William H. Seward. Born in New York, 1801; Governor of New York, 1839; U. S. Senator, 1849; Secretary of State, 1861.
9. Bust of Dead Mother. Two young ladies and little boy contemplating it.
10. "Nature." From Sir Thomas Lawrence. Two beautiful Children.
11. Lion Hunt. Flemish, 1603; Artist, Simon de Vos.
12. "I will be a Soldier." Little Child with Sword and Gun, and Old Man with Wooden Leg.
13. Rip Van Winkle, returned from a Lounge.
14. Child of Clement C. Clay, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama.
15. Itinerant Artist.
16. Telemachus and Mentor, Shipwrecked on the Isle of Calypso. Copy from West.
17. Interior of a Ropewalk.
18. Venus endeavoring to prevent Adonis from going to the Chase, on the day he was killed by Mars. Copy from Titian. The head of Adonis was intended for the likeness of Philip 2d, King of Spain, for whom the original was painted. See Musée, vol. V, 313.
19. Very large Fruit Piece; Melons, Peaches, &c. Artist, Giambiti Russippoli del Sig. di Sala.
20. Indian Chief in Dress of Ceremony.
21. Italian Landscape. From Salvator Rosa.
22. Miss Simple, now Sister Agnes, in a Convent.
23. Father's Joy and Mother's Glory.
24. G. P. A. Healy, the Artist; painted by himself. Born in Boston 1808; painted "Webster's reply to Hayne," 1851, which now hangs in Faneuil Hall, Boston.
25. Keokuk, or the Watchful Fox, a Sauk or Sac Chief, with the Standard of his Nation. In Washington and in Boston, 1837.
26. Joel R. Poinsett. Born in Charleston, S. C., 1779; Secretary of War under President Van Buren; died, 1851.
27. The Fortune Teller. From Sir Joshua Reynolds.

28. George McDuffie. Born, 1788; U. S. Senator for S. C., 1842; died in South Carolina, 1851.
29. Girl at the Grave of Fanny.
30. Miss — Semmes, of —
31. Blind Girl Reading.
32. Neglected Wife.
- 32a. Redwood Coat of Arms, by J. H. Mohr, the Decorator of the ceiling. Presented by Charles H. Russell.
33. Earl of Pembroke. Copy from Vandyke.
34. Two Young Ladies and their Dead Bird.
35. "The Sage." Copy from J. E. Schenaus, 1770. (Engraving among the bound Portraits in Directors' Room.)
36. Juvenile St. Cecilia, Patroness of Music and Musicians, A. D. 280. See Mrs. Jameson's Poetry of Sacred and Legendary Art, vol. 2, page 583.
37. Abraham Redwood, grandson of the founder of the Redwood Library. Born in Rhode Island 1764; died in England 1838. Artist, Sir Thomas Lawrence, 1791. Presented by John Purssord, of London.
38. Abraham Redwood, founder of the Library. Born in Newport, 1709; died March 8, 1788.
39. Study from Life. Young female with bonnet falling back on the shoulders.
40. Thomas Jefferson. Profile. Copy from Stuart.
41. Female Head, from life.
42. Joseph Gales. Born in England, 1786; editor of the *National Intelligencer*; died in Washington, 1860.
43. Study from Life. (Head.)
44. Nesouaquoit, or Bear in the Forks of a Tree; a Fox Chief, son of Chemakassee. Born, 1797. In Washington, 1837. See McKinney's Indian Tribes, vol. 1, page 139.
45. Girl and Parrot. Artist, Thomas Sully.
46. View of Washington. Artist, J. G. Chapman.

86. Rocky Farm and Cherry Neck, Newport, R. I. Painted and presented by George C. Mason.
87. Sigismunda, weeping over the heart of Tancred. Copy from Corregio. See Hogarth Illustrated, vol. 3, page 211. Dryden, in British Poets, vol. 4, page 48. Thomson's Tragedy, in Dibdin's London Theatre, vol. XI.
88. Vine Dresser of Capri, near Naples. From Titian.
89. Butterfly in a Storm. Frightened young lady, with bonnet blown off, parasol turned inside out, &c. Original.
90. Child at Prayer.
91. Holy Water, from a plaster cast. Two angels holding a vase of water.
92. The Young Dragoon. Original.
93. The Gambler, with his Cards, Pistol Case and Goblet. Original.
94. Costume in the time of Charlemagne. Female head and beautiful vase of flowers.
95. Rembrandt's Mother. From Rembrandt.
96. Girl reading love-letter by lamp-light. Original.
97. "Conscience makes Cowards."
98. Mary Magdalen. From Guido Reni.
99. Gypsy Boy. From Sir Joshua Reynolds.
100. Girl taking food to a prisoner. Original.
101. John Banister, of Newport, R. I., 1775. Artist, Gilbert C. Stuart. Presented by the late David Melvill, of Newport.
102. Mrs. Christian Banister, wife of John Banister, of Newport. Artist, Gilbert C. Stuart. Presented by David Melvill.
103. Charles B. King, artist. Born in Newport, R. I., 1785; resided in Washington, D. C., from 1812 to the time of his death, March 19, 1862. This portrait painted by himself when about seventy years of age. See also No. 62, and Newport Mercury, March 22, 1862.
104. Earl of Warwick. From Vandyke.

[FRONT ROOM.]

105. Washington. From Stuart.
106. John Adams, late in life. From Stuart.
107. Jefferson. Copied from T. Sully's portrait.
108. Madison. From Stuart.
109. John Adams. Copied from Stuart.
110. John Quincy Adams, when Secretary of State. Copied from Stuart.
111. Benjamin Franklin. Said, by President Monroe, to be the best likeness of him that he had ever seen.
112. Patrick Henry. Born in Virginia, 1736 ; died, 1799.
113. Gen. Benjamin Pierce, father of Ex-President Franklin Pierce. Born in Massachusetts, 1758 ; Governor of New Hampshire, 1829 ; died, 1839.
114. LaFayette. Born, 1757 ; died in Paris, 1834. Original, from life, 1825.
115. William H. Crawford. Born in Virginia, 1772 ; U. S. Senator, 1807 to 1813 ; Minister to France, 1813 to 1815 ; Secretary Treasury, 1816 ; candidate for President, 1824 ; died in Georgia, 1834.
116. William Wirt. Born in Maryland, 1772 ; Attorney General of U. S., 1817 ; candidate for Presidency, 1831 ; died, 1834. Portrait taken 1820.
117. John C. Calhoun. Born in South Carolina, 1782 ; died in Washington, 1850. Portrait taken in 1818.
118. Daniel Webster. Born in New Hampshire, 1782 ; U. S. Representative, 1813 to '17 and 1822 to '26 ; U. S. Senator, 1828 ; candidate for President, 1836 and 1848 ; Secretary of State, 1841 and '50 ; U. S. Senator, 1845 ; died, in Massachusetts, 1852. Portrait taken in 1817, when 35 years of age.
119. Henry Clay. Born in Virginia, 1777 ; U. S. Representative, 1811 ; Secretary of State, 1823 to '27 ; candidate for Presidency, 1823, 1833 and 1844 ; U. S. Senator from Kentucky, 1831 to '42, and 1849 to '52 ; died, in Washington, 1852.

Copy from Healy; artist unknown. Presented by William Newton Mercer, of New Orleans.

120. Doct. William Thornton. Born in Tortola, West Indies; Supt. Patent Office from 1821 to '28; died, in Washington, 1828. From Stuart.
121. Samuel L. Southard. Born in New Jersey, 1787; U. S. Senator, 1821 to '23 and 1833; President of U. S. Senate, 1842; died, in Virginia, 1842.
122. Edward Livingston. Born in New York, 1764; U. S. Representative from Louisiana, 1823 to '29; U. S. Senator from ditto, 1829 to '31; Secretary of State, 1831 to '33; died in New York, 1836.
123. Gen. Henry Lee. Born in Virginia, 1756; Governor of Virginia, 1792; died in Georgia, 1818. Copy from Stuart.
124. Gen. Jacob Brown. Born in Pennsylvania, 1775; Commander-in-Chief U. S. Army, 1821; died in Washington, 1828. The last portrait for which he sat.
125. Commodore John Rodgers. Born in Maryland, 1771; died in Philadelphia, 1838. Original portrait, 1844.
126. Com Stephen Decatur. Born in Maryland, 1779; died, 1820.
127. George Berkeley, D. D. Born in Ireland, 1684; Bishop of Cloyne, 1733; resided on Rhode Island from 1729 to '31; died, 1753. Artist, Mr. Hart, of Hartford, Conn. From Smibert's portrait, in the Family Picture in the Trumbull Gallery, New Haven. Gift of Charles H. Olmsted, of East Hartford. There is also an original by Smibert in the Massachusetts Historical Society.
128. Gov. Joseph Wanton. Graduated at Harvard College 1751; Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island, 1769 to 75; died 1780. Painted in England. Gift of Angelica Gardner.
129. Mrs. Joseph Wanton, wife of Gov. W. and grand-daughter of Gov. John Winthrop, of Conn., and daughter of Wait Still Winthrop. Artist, Robert Feke, of Newport, R. I. Gift of Angelica Gardner.

130. William Redwood, son of the Founder. Born in Newport, 1734; died 1784. Artist unknown. Gift of Russell Coggeshall.
131. Columbus. From an old Spanish painting.
132. Rev. John Callender. Born in Boston 1706; graduated at Harvard College 1723; pastor of First Baptist Church in Newport from 1731 to '48; author of "Historical Discourse," or "Century Sermon; died 1748. Painted and presented by Miss Jane Stuart.
133. Commodore Oliver H. Perry. Born in S. Kingstown, R. I., 1785; died in Trinidad 1819. Artist, Samuel Mason, of Providence; from portrait in New York City Hall, by Jarvis. Gift of Usher Parsons, M. D., of Providence, R. I.
134. William Coddington. Born in England 1600; first Judge and Governor of Rhode Island; died, 1678. See Preface to Callender's Historical Discourse, vol. 4, R. I. Hist. Col.
135. Mrs. Delia Stewart, wife of Com. Charles Stewart. Copy from Stuart.
136. Mr. ——— Conner, a Revolutionary soldier, at 94 years of age.
137. Slave on Sale. Girl with a chain on her wrist.
138. Hard Lesson. Original.
139. Fanny Adams, grand-daughter of John Quincy Adams.
140. Sleeping Mother.
141. Mrs. Doct. Lovell. See No. 6.
142. Silenus.
143. "Kiss me if you dare."
144. Costume of Female of Quality. Carolus 2d of France. See French Costumes. (O.44.)
145. Child and Dog, from plaster cast.
146. View on the Wissahicon Creek, which enters the Schuylkill River about 5 miles above Fairmount Water-works, Philadelphia.
147. Sunset view on the Potomac; Georgetown, D. C., in sight.
148. "Long-wished-for come at last." Girl with Miniature and Letter. Original.

149. Eve at the Fountain. (Back view.)
150. Lazy Lawrence and Jim. Miss Edgeworth's Parents' Assistant. Original.
151. Industry and Idleness. Two little girls under the shade of a tree ; one studying, the other sleeping.
152. Girl at a Brook. From plaster figure.
153. Elymas, the Sorcerer, struck with blindness. From the cartoon of Raphael.
154. Infant Saint John. Copy from Sir Joshua Reynolds.
155. Rachel envying her sister. Three little girls. Original.
156. Flower Piece. (Old.)
157. Head. Copy from Vandyke.
158. Sir Joshua Reynolds.
159. Grapes and Pears.
160. Melons of different varieties.
161. Cherries, Strawberries, Pitcher of Cream, &c.
162. Apples, Pears, Plums and Grapes.
163. Basket with Beef and Poultry ; also, Fish near.
164. Vegetables.
165. Moa-na-hon-ga, or Great Walker, an Ioway Chief. At Washington, 1824. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 177.
166. Wa-baun-see. Chief of the Pottawatimies of the Prairie, residing on the Kankee river, Illinois, in 1838 ; 83 years old. Portrait taken 1835. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 31.
167. Wakechai, or the Crouching Eagle. A Saukie Chief, Illinois. At Washington, 1834. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 201.
168. Black Hawk, or Makataimeshekiakiah, a Saukie brave. Born in Illinois, 1767 ; at Washington, 1837 ; died, 1838. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 213.
169. Peah-mus-ka, a Chief of the Fox or Musquaquee tribe. See McKinney, vol. 2, page 75.
170. An Assinaboin Indian, from the most remote tribe that had ever visited Washington previous to 1838.
171. Old King Cole. Original.

172. Christ. From an old master.
173. Eve.
174. Red Jacket, last of the Seneca Chiefs. Born, 1756, near Geneva, N. Y. See McKinney, vol. 1, note on page 16.
175. Pow-a-sheek, a Fox Chief. See McKinney, vol. 2, page 107.
176. Mistippee, son of Yoholo Micco, a Creek Boy. At Washington, 1826. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 71.
177. Rant-che-wai-me, or Female Flying Pigeon, wife of Mahaska, an Ioway Chief. See McKinney, vol. 2, page 219.
178. Rev. Dr. William Rogers. Born in Newport, R. I.; pastor of First Baptist Church in Philadelphia; died, 1824, aged 74 years. Artist and donor, Miss Eliza J. Rogers, his daughter, from a life size portrait by Rembrandt Peale.

[NEAR THE FOLDING DOORS.]

179. Landscape. From Orizonte.
180. Landscape. Snow Piece, from Orizonte.
181. Hadley Falls, N. Y. Picture 4 ft. 3 in. x 3 ft. 3 in. These Falls are on the Hudson River, a few miles above Glen's Falls.
182. Great Falls of the Potomac, 14 miles from Washington.
183. Fac-simile, on a single sheet of paper, 4 x 3 ft., of seventeen New York and Boston Newspapers of 1855, regularly arranged around the London *Punch*, and entirely executed with a steel pen by Elbert Anderson, of Middletown, R. I., and presented by Elbert J. Anderson.

[OVER THE DOOR OF DIRECTORS' ROOM.]

184. Rev. William Ellery Channing, D. D. Born in Newport, R. I., 1780; died 1842. A very large photograph, presented by William A. Clarke.

[IN THE NORTH ROOM.]

185. Flower Piece. By old master.

[IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM.]

186. Landscape, with female and child, near a brook in which swans are swimming.
187. Original DEED, on parchment, of the Lot of Land on which stands the Redwood Library, made by Henry Collins, June 9, 1748.
188. Original CHARTER of the Redwood Library, on parchment, signed by Gideon Wanton, Governor of the Colony, in 1747.
189. Antiquarian MAP of Newport, R. I., 6 x 4 ft. 9 in., in black walnut frame. Designed by Rev. Henry Jackson, D.D.; executed by Miss Margarette Almy. Presented by Edward King, Esq., 1862.
190. Two steel engraved portraits of Dr. W. E. Channing.
191. Mother praying over her sleeping child.
192. Photographic Group of 26 members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1855. Presented by Hon. David Sears.
193. Photographic Group of 12 members of the Humane Society of Massachusetts, 1858. Presented by Hon. David Sears.
194. Hayne Hudjihini, or the Eagle of Delight, wife of Shaumonekussee. At Washington, 1821. See McKinney, vol. 2, page 49.
195. Chonmonicase, an Otto Half-Chief. See McKinney, vol. 2, page 43.
196. Major Timpoochee Barnard, a Uchee Warrior, 1825. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 297.
197. Hon. G. Seymour Conway. From Sir Joshua Reynolds.
198. Ruins in Adrian's Villa, near Tivoli. Artist, J. G. Chapman.
199. Female lashed to a wreck.
200. Fac-simile of the Declaration of Independence, and names of the signers.
201. Pushmataha, a Choctaw Warrior. Born 1764; died in Washington 1824. See McKinney, vol. 1, page 185.
202. Chenannoquot, a Menominie Chief, 1835.

203. Amiskqew, a Menominie Warrior, 1831. See McKinney, vol. 3, page 240.

[OVER THE DOOR OF LIBRARIAN'S ROOM.]

204. Medallion Likeness of Rev. John Lord. Presented by Rev. C. T. Brooks.

[IN STAIR WAY.]

205. Sleep, or Sleeping Girl.
 206. Death.
 207. Dying Soldier in Armor.
 208. Pirate.
 209. Temperance Lecture, No. 1. First Step to Ruin.
 210. " " 2. The Loafer.
 211. " " 3. The Fast Man.
 212. " " 4. Meditating on Departed Spirits.
 213. Mrs. Harrison Smith, author of "Winter in Washington."
 214. Poor Artist's Closet; or, Sale of Artist's effects.
 215. Madness; or, the Maniac.
 216. Medea. Copy from Guido.
 217. Snow Storm. "No place like Home."
 218. Old Witch by Firelight.
 219. Indian Girl at her Toilet.
 220. Columbus.
 221. Girl and Cat. From an engraving.
 222. Laura Bianchi. See Musée, vol. 14, 950.
 223. Lot and Daughter. Copy from old master.
 224. Lady sleeping under Umbrella on the Sea Shore.
 225. "I hope I see you well."
 226. Joseph.

[IN THE READING ROOM.]

227. Photograph of Gilbert C. Stuart. Born in Rhode Island 1754; died in Boston, 1828. Copy from a portrait, by himself, in

the possession of Mrs. Waterhouse, of Cambridge, Mass. Presented by Mrs. Waterhouse.

228. Photograph of Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse. Born in Newport, R. I.; died, 1846, aged 92. Copy from a portrait, by Stuart, in the possession of Mrs. Waterhouse. Presented by Mrs. Waterhouse.

229. Large Photographic Group of the JAPANESE MISSION, with Naval Officers in charge. At Washington, 1860. A key to the names is on the picture. This, and the four following, presented by S. Abbott Lawrence, Esq.

230, 231, 232, 233. Large Photographs of Japanese attendants.

234. Engraving of Massacre in State street, Boston, 1770. Gift of D. G. Cook.

235. Steel engraved portrait of George Washington, in 1772. Gift of Zenas L. Hammond.

236. Photograph of George Washington, from the wax original by Mrs. Wright. Gift of H. P. Beck, of Philadelphia.

237. Steel engraved Certificate of Roger Williams Monument Association, July 4, 1861.

238. Chart of Descendants of JOHN READ, 1598—1859. Prepared and presented by S. C. Newman, of Pawtucket.

239. Full rigged Frigate in miniature, under glass case, in north room.

240. Engraving of Redwood Library Building.

241. Photograph of Redwood Library. From S. A. Lawrence.

242. Lithograph of Redwood Library.

243. Small copy of Redwood Coat of Arms. From Elbert Anderson.

244. Cabinet of Curiosities, in which the articles are too numerous to be catalogued here.

BUSTS.

DONOR.

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| 1. Franklin | Andrew Robeson. | 10. Henry Clay. |
| 2. Hamilton. | | 11. Demosthenes. |
| 3. John Marshall . . | Aug. Silliman, N. Y. | 12. Socrates. |
| 4. Voltaire | J. H. Patten. | 13. Dr. Benj. Waterhouse. |
| 5. John Milton. | | 14. Virgil. |
| 6. Daniel Webster. | | 15. Dupuytren. |
| 7. Michael Angelo. | | 16. Plato. |
| 8. Ambroise Paré. | | 17. Washington. |
| 9. Raphael. | | 18. Hahnemann. |

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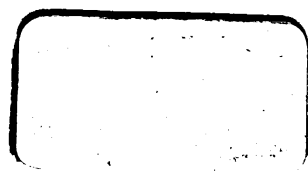
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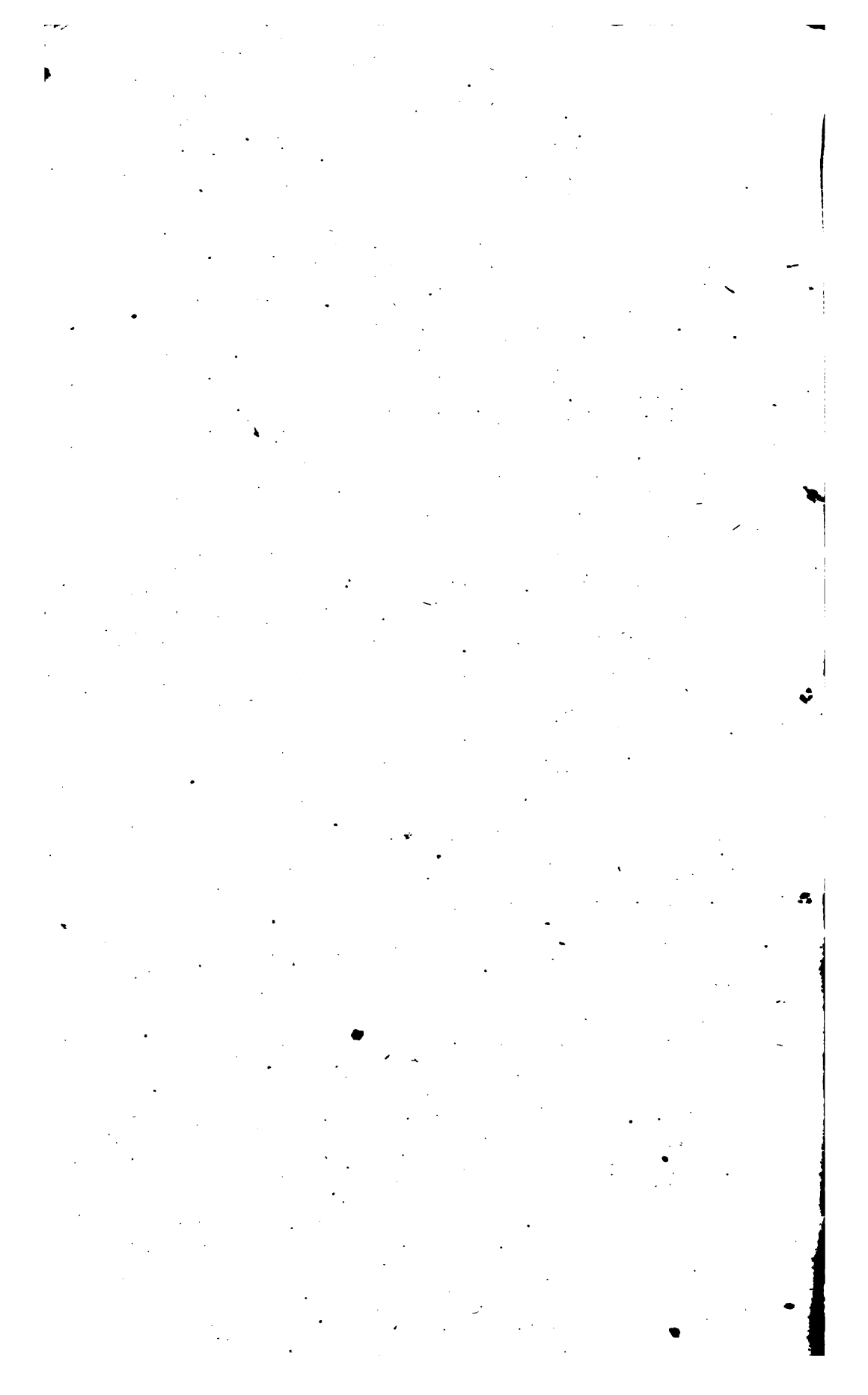
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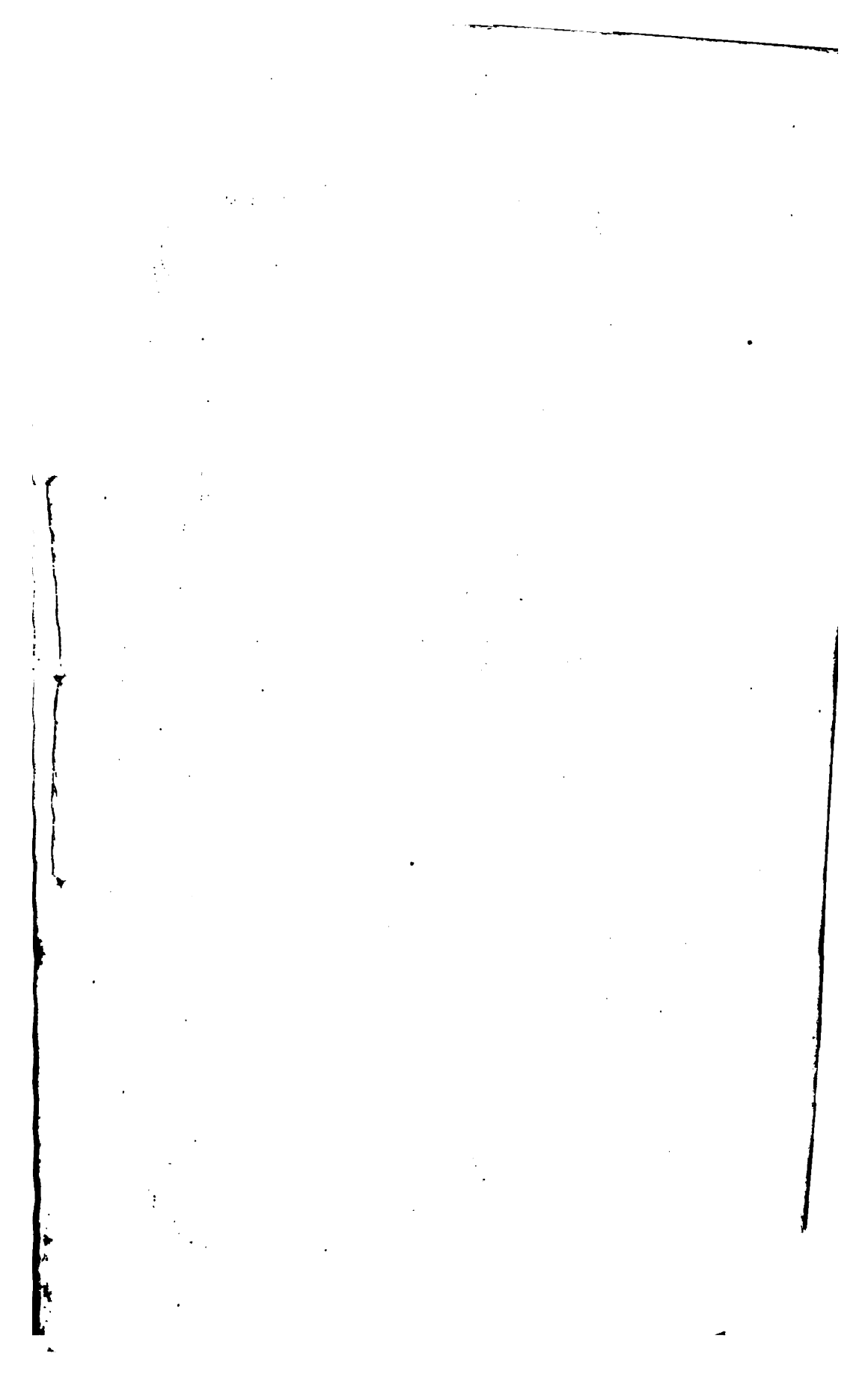
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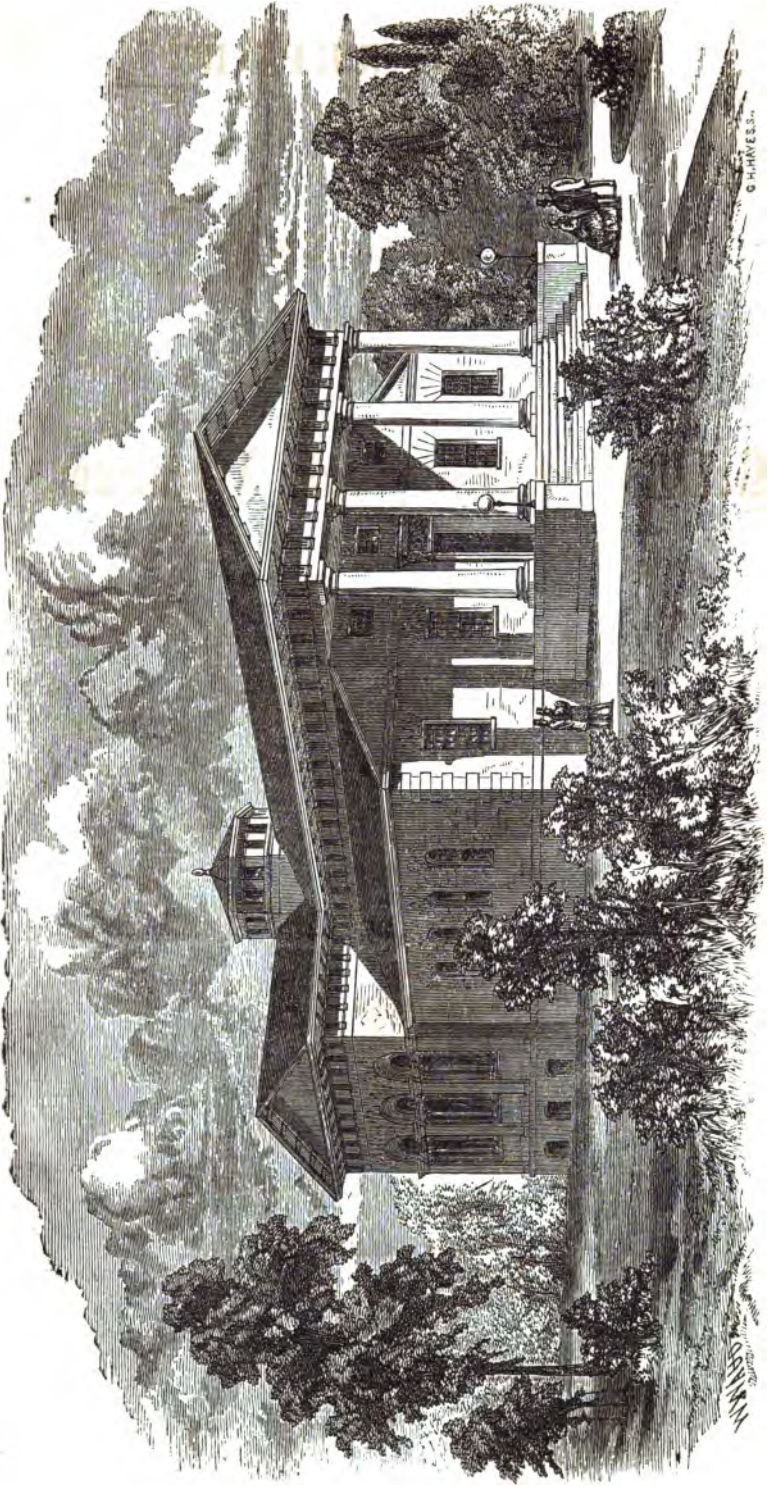
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NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 1863.



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Assistant Librarian,
GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS.

On Books.

GEORGE G. KING,
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ROBERT J. TAYLOR,
DUNCAN C. PELL.

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CHARLES H. RUSSELL,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
THEOPHILUS C. DUNN,
HENRY E. TURNER,
CHARLES H. MALCOM.

On Finance.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
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AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
HAMILTON HOPPIN,
JOHN T. BUSH.

On Lectures.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
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CHARLES H. MALCOM.

On Repairs.

AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
JOHN T. BUSH,
NATHAN H. GOULD.

On Pictures.

AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE C. MASON,
JOHN T. BUSH.

On C. B. King's Bequest.

GEORGE G. KING,
CHARLES H. RUSSELL,
WILLIAM C. COZZENS.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPT. 30, 1863.

At the annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1863, at 3 o'clock, P. M., there were present—

George G. King,
William C. Cozzens,
Charles H. Malcom,
Samuel W. Butler,
Benj. H. Rhoades,
Theophilus C. Dunn,
William Cornell,
Charles H. Russell,
John T. Bush,
Thomas Coggeshall,
Henry E. Turner,
James T. Rhodes,
Charles A. Spencer,

Augustus N. Littlefield,
William P. Sheffield,
Duncan C. Pell,
Robert J. Taylor,
Wm. Newton Mercer,
Charles T. Brooks,
Mark Cornell,
Nathan H. Gould,
William Jack,
Joseph B. Weaver,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,
George C. Mason,
Oliver Potter,

Thomas R. Hunter.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz:

Messrs. J. N. A. Griswold,	Henry Ledyard,
William Cornell,	Mark Cornell,
Henry Morris,	Charles Kuhn,
William Hamilton,	Charles A. Spencer,
George H. Norman,	Benjamin Mumford,
James E. Mauran,	Frederick W. Rhinelander,
Mrs. Martha S. Gould,	Miss Mary Anthony,
Miss Harriet S. Rhoades.	

The Report of the Committee to examine the Books in the Library was read, received, and ordered to be recorded and filed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's Account was read, received, and ordered to be recorded and filed.

The Report of the Directors to the Proprietors, read by Rev. C. T. Brooks, was received and ordered to be recorded and filed, and published under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year, viz:

GEORGE G. KING, *President.*

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice-President.*

DIRECTORS.

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| 5. A. H. DUMONT, | 14. JAMES LENOX, |
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| 9. WM. P. SHEFFIELD, | 18. NATHAN H. GOULD, |
| 19. EDWARD KING. | |

TREASURER:

GEORGE COZZENS.

SECRETARY:

ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

COR. SECRETARY:

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Messrs. C. E. Hammett, Jr., and S. W. Butler, were chosen a Committee to examine the Books in the Library, previous to the next annual meeting.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

On motion of William C. Cozzens,

Voted unanimously, That a Tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor, and that each paying proprietor be furnished an envelope containing 12 tickets of admission to a

Course of Lectures proposed to be had during the year, and said tickets may be used or disposed of as the holder may think best.

On motion of Augustus N. Littlefield,

Voted unanimously, That the subject of the purchase, for the use of the Library, of the lot of ground lately owned by the late Peleg Clarke, be referred to the Board of Directors, with power to purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as they may think proper, if it is deemed advisable by the Board to make the purchase.

Adjourned.

(Signed:) ROBERT J. TAYLOR, *Sec'y.*

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHE-
NÆUM respectfully present their Report for the year
ending September 30, 1863.

They can emphatically affirm, especially making al-
lowance for the distracting and in some respects de-
pressing state of the times, that the Institution was
never in a more prosperous and promising condition
than now. In no year, so far as their knowledge goes,
have we been able to look back with so much satis-
faction, and forward with so much hope.

The momentous struggle in which our people are
engaged, exciting as it does all that is good and all
that is evil in men, has undoubtedly stirred up withal
a great deal of capacity for thought, and interest in
intellectual pursuits, that would else have lain dor-
mant. Booksellers have assured us that at no period
of their business has the sale of books been more
brisk than during these last three years, and the
records of many of our great publishing houses would
show a like result.

On the whole, we do not believe there has been less reading than ever, but rather more, since the present troubles came upon us. For several reasons we should expect this latter alternative. In the first place, never before were so many mighty questions brought so in contact with the minds of all men among us; never before were people so compelled to inquire into the foundations and principles of things; and then, again, independently of any motive for study proper, there has been such a combination of wakefulness and suspense created by the events of this war, that the minds of multitudes have been just in a state to demand reading as a relief and a support.

These considerations may not apply, in their full force, to people at home and to the frequenters of our Libraries; but still we are satisfied that the general mental awakening, if we cannot see that it has already told upon our Institution, has made itself felt in a way that affords us, at least, a strong presentiment of increased interest in its privileges and its welfare.

The record of books circulated shows some increase this year over the previous year, which is as follows:

For the year ending September 1, 1863, 6,623

For the year ending September 1, 1862, 6,038

Increase, 585

We have received, this year, the same kindly evidences, from far and near, of a disposition on the part

of the friends of mental improvement to promote our resources, as we have so often before gratefully acknowledged. Four hundred and ten volumes have been received by donation, and although the number of gifts is a little less than that of some previous years, yet the number of donors is a little larger than that of last year, and indeed has been for several years steadily increasing. The list will be found in the Appendix.

To all who have thus befriended us we hereby render our earnest thanks. There are several kindnesses of which we must especially make grateful mention. SIDNEY BROOKS, Esq., by the filling out of his elegant case of French volumes with the addition of several classics, in superb editions; HAMILTON HOPPIN, Esq., by the presentation of books to the amount of \$100; WILLIAM NORRIS, Esq., of San Francisco, by his graceful and generous remembrance of his native place, in the sending to us of a set of thirty large and exquisite photographic views of the Yosemite Valley; and our neighbor, ALBERT G. GREENE, of Providence, by constant and thoughtful donations of curious and valuable matter; Hon. WILLIAM M. RODMAN, of Providence, for the "Description of the Victoria Regia," containing large and beautifully colored views of the flower in its various stages of growth, and also for the three large volumes of the "Illustrated Catalogue of the Great Exhibition of 1851; DUNCAN C. PELL, Esq., for a generous continuance of favors ac-

knowledgeed in former reports. These, with many others, whose names appear on the list of donations which follows, have laid us under great and lasting obligations.

And then, too, we are not devoid of that gratitude which the witty Frenchman defines as "a keen sense of favors to come," we mean *prospective* gratitude, to the friends who have intimated a desire, when peace returns, to give us some weighty tokens of their interest.

By our last Report, made September 24th, 1862, it appears that there were then in the Library 11,464 volumes.

The whole number since added is as follows:

By purchase.....	108
" Binding.....	40
" Donation.....	410
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Total.....	558

Making the whole number now in the Library, 12,022.

The Report of the Committee on the state of the Library will follow this.

A few words in regard to the treatment of the Books in the Library, may not be out of place here. The Librarian reports, that, during the past year, there has been an unusual amount of injury, done to them in the way of tearing leaves and shattering bindings. Will not parents kindly pay more attention to this matter? And while we are speaking of

the use and abuse of books, we would also remind those who keep books out of the Library an overlong time, that they do not probably consider how they are infringing upon the EQUAL RIGHTS of other Proprietors, else they would no doubt take pains to be more prompt in the matter.

The subject of donations and purchases brings with it another, which has long perplexed us more than almost any,—the growing want of shelf room. Various plans of relief have been suggested; but we are satisfied that none that is effectual can be afforded, until means are taken to build or procure a place which may be used as a gallery for a large portion at least of our pictures, so that the walls of the Library may be mainly devoted to books. A crying want of the Institution is a new building for that purpose, and for another incidental and important one, which we will now mention.

The subject of lectures has often been discussed among us; and the Directors are convinced that it is a duty we owe the public and our general cause, to make ourselves a Lecture association also.

We would urge, therefore, upon the earnest and constant thought of the Company, the question of the ways and means of securing, for instance, the lot in the rear of the Library, as a building ground for a hall, in which our pictures might be hung, and lectures might be given under the auspices of the Association, or of any who might hire it for the purpose.

then ascertained, but which have amounted to about \$2,000. The receipt of funds from the King Bequest, has enabled us to cancel all obligations against the Library to this date, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer to be invested, as may be deemed desirable, the sum of \$2,144.

The new issue of Shares authorized by the Company two years ago, is not yet all disposed of, and there remain nineteen shares for sale. We have to report, since our last meeting, the sale of ten shares—four to Alexander Van Rensselaer, Esq.; four to J. N. A. Griswold, Esq.; one to Henry Morris, Esq.; and one to Henry Ledyard, Esq.

A desire has been expressed by many friends, that our Library might be made more ample as a Library of Reference. Although it is very well supplied with the latest, as well as older Encyclopædias, with several Biographical Dictionaries, with Greek, Latin, French and English Dictionaries, and other "Books of Reference," still there are some which we need, and which should be placed upon our shelves as soon as funds can be obtained for the purpose, unless some generous friend may anticipate that time.

Among those needed are the volumes of

Hansard's Parliamentary Debates from August, 1860;

The English Annual Register, for the same period;

The 4th and final part of the "English Cyclopædia" on "Arts and Sciences," and the "Synoptical Index" to all four parts;

The latest of the large Atlases;

Appleton's Dictionary of Mechanics ;
 A Military Dictionary ; and
 A Medical Dictionary.

With the mention of one other connected topic we will close.

The Reading Room is singularly deficient in the Sacred Literature of the day—particularly in the Periodical department. The explanation of this fact is, indeed, easy. An institution supported by persons of all religious denominations cannot be expected to *buy* representative books of any one, without doing equal justice to all, and *this* we have not yet been able to do. At present, then, we can only name and emphasize the want. It is in a department containing some of the finest writing of our day, which no public Library in this age ought to be without. Of course, we can with propriety ACCEPT Theological works which we are not free to PURCHASE, for the reasons above stated. Some of the principal magazines we need, in this class, are the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, the *New York Theological Review*, the *Christian Review*, the *Christian Examiner* the *Church Quarterly*, *Princeton Review* and *Brownson's Quarterly*.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES T. BROOKS,
 CHARLES HOWARD MALCOM,
 GEORGE G. KING.

REPORT
OF
COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE BOOKS.

The Committee on the condition of the Books report, that, upon examination, they find the Books well cared for ; many of them very much worn from use, and giving evidence of constant circulation, but all well arranged.

A large number of Books—nearly 150 volumes—have been repaired or rebound the past year, and many will have to be in the future, as the common cloth binding is by no means sufficiently durable for permanent use. But one book has been lost the past year, which will probably be replaced. Neither the additions by donation or purchase have been so large as were to be wished. The Committee have no suggestions to make, except it be that the Librarian, as during the past year, be allowed to have such books repaired as he may find necessary, in order to make them serviceable and fit for circulation.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., } *Committee.*
S. W. BUTLER, }

NEWPORT, September 30, 1863.

FINANCE REPORT.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM:

The Finance Committee of the Redwood Library, in reviewing the condition of their department, at the close of the present year, deem it proper and important to make a report presenting the actual financial condition of the Library.

During the past two years, certain objects called for the expenditure of more money than we were receiving. It was desirable to secure some books at favorable rates, and thus a debt accumulated, as reported last year, of about \$2,000; and this year, by extra binding, &c., to about \$2,400. Anticipated funds from the King bequest having been received, the Treasurer was directed to pay off the note at bank, and all other outstanding demands against the Library. By his report and account, this day presented, that has been done, leaving a cash balance on hand, to-day, of \$2,144 72, which amount, with a future sum of about \$4,500 that will probably be realized from this bequest within the next twelve months, will make a fund of about \$6,600.

To carry on this Institution on its present liberal scale, to retain our present efficient Librarian and his Assistant, and generally maintain this Library *as it should be*, we are ad-

monished that our present income, from taxes, is not sufficient. When we consider the greatly increased conveniences of a beautiful room for reading or pastime; the supply of valuable daily papers and periodicals; the splendid gifts that are being almost daily received, adding attractions and value such as few Libraries possess—all these things require additional expenses, and should be so appreciated by our shareholders as to receive their generous support.

The present annual tax is now three dollars, one dollar more than it was previous to 1858, with none of the present conveniences and comforts, and only a very limited supply of books. This is much lower than any other similar Institution in the country; five dollars being the lowest paid, and many are much higher. By reference to the estimates, which we append to this report, you will see that nothing short of a *tax of five dollars* per annum will meet the expenses of the Library. To make this increased tax agreeable and satisfactory to the shareholders, the Finance Committee would recommend that another interesting addition be made to the benefits of the proprietors, namely, a *COURSE OF LECTURES*. This has always been deemed desirable and popular, and would stimulate an increased interest in the Library. It would devolve some additional expense and labor on your Lecture Committee, but we think it would be appreciated outside of the Library Company by receipts sufficient to meet all expenses, besides granting to each paying shareholder, on the payment of his tax, twelve tickets of admission to these lectures, (*gratis*,) which may be used or disposed of by them as they may think best. In this way, no additional burthen is placed on the shareholder without an equivalent, not only agreeable but available, if desired. In this way, we may promise at least six literary or scientific lectures, each year, under the direction of our Lecture Committee,

placing the price of admission to the public at a reasonable rate. Thus may we continue to extend the benefits and delights of our honored and beautiful Library, with ever increasing interest.

The income from taxes and other reliable sources should always be sufficient to meet expenses, without infringing upon the income of any special gift or fund, which should be held exclusively for the purchase of books, or the object specially designed.

The salary of the Librarian and his Assistant must be increased. This is rendered indispensable by the augmented expenses of living; and the Committee, in making these estimates for the next year, recommend the additions proposed, viz. :—

The Librarian has now \$600 00—should have	\$800 00
Assistant Librarian has now \$100 00—should have	200 00
Fuel, \$100, Lights, \$80	180 00
City tax, \$33, Advertising, \$20	53 00
Binding books, \$200, Incidental, \$250.....	450 00
Leaving for purchase of new books, papers, &c.....	417 00
Total estimate of expenditure.....	\$2,100 00

Which may be met by the following estimated income, viz. :—

On 300 shares paying \$5 per share.....	\$1,500 00
Season subscriptions, &c.....	150 00
By sale of 10 shares of stock, (probable,)	250 00
By income on fund on hand, or to be received from King bequest...	200 00
By income from Course of Lectures, estimated as sufficient to meet expenses and provide for any deficiency of above estimates, and therefore we make no calculation from this source.....	
	\$2,100 00

Respectfully submitted by

WM. C. COZZENS,

On behalf of the Committee.

NEWPORT, September 30, 1863.

DR. REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, *in account with* GEORGE COZZENS, *Treasurer.* CR.
BALANCE SHEET.

1862.		1863.	
Sept. 20.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$5 88	By cash, nett proceeds of \$2,000 note, dis- counted at Bank of Rhode Island.....\$1,339 00
Oct. 28.	Paid note and interest at R. I. Union Bank...	652 49	
" "	Paid note at Merchants Bank.....	200 00	
Nov. 23.	Paid note at Bank of Rhode Island.....	350 00	By subscription account, for 10 shares sold... 250 00
1863.			" " By cash received from the Executor on estate of Charles B. King, to this date .....4,583 00
May 1.	Paid interest on \$2,000 note at Bank of Rhode Island, renewal.....	41 42	" " By amount of collections, &c., from Annual Tax account.....1,101 75
Sept. 24.	Paid note and interest at Bank of Rhode Island, 2,006 67		
" "	Payments Book acc't per acc't rendered.....	903 56	
" "	Payments expense accounts	869 01	
" "	Payments, B. H. Rhoades, Librarian, salary..	600 00	
" "	Payments, George H. Taylor, Assistant, salary	100 00	
" "	Balance on hand.....	2,144 72	
		<u>\$7,873 75</u>	
			" " By balance, cash on hand.....2,144 72
			Errors excepted,
			<u>\$7,873 75</u>

GEO. COZZENS, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have attended to that duty and find them correct; and the balance due the treasury, as per statement above, \$2,144 72.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER, } *Auditors.*
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, Jr., }

Newport, September 30, 1863.

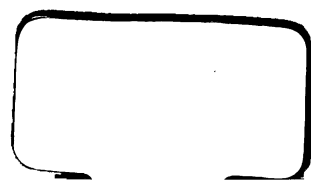
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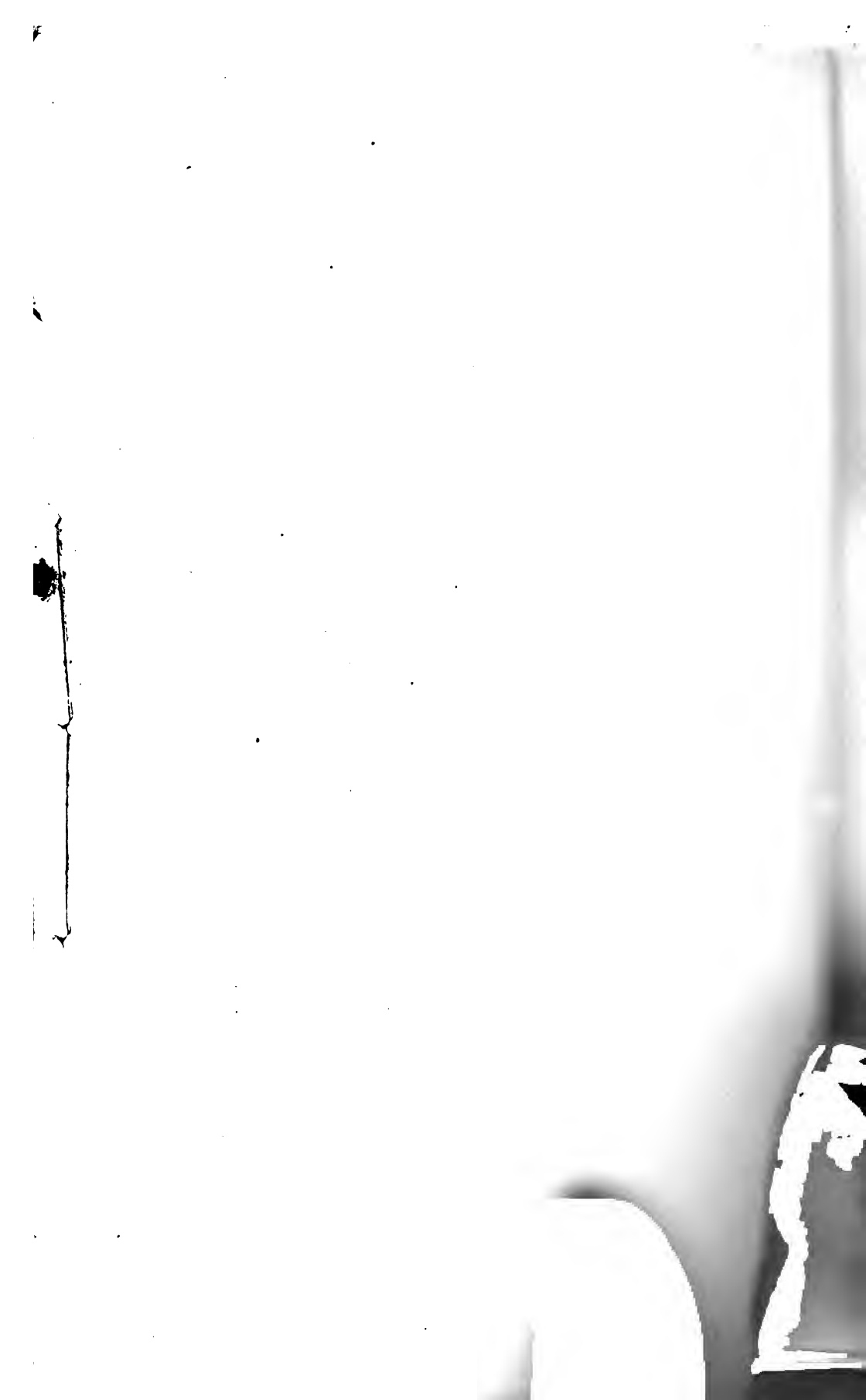
The following is a List of all the Donations to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities for the year, from September 1st, 1862, to September 1st, 1863 :

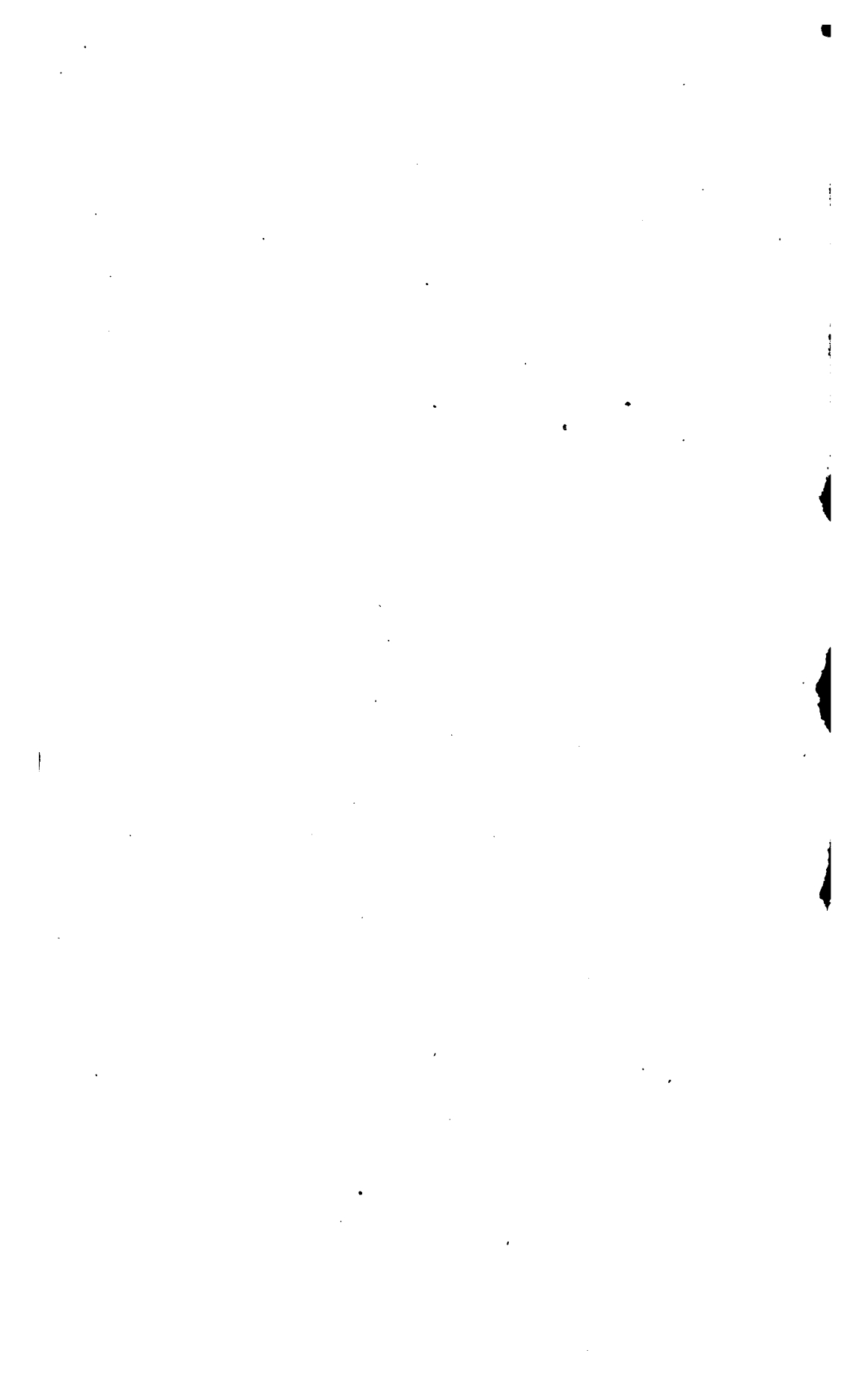
- Anthony, Hon. H. B., Providence, 2 vols.
Arnold, Hon. S. G., Providence, 17 vols. 1 pph.
Atwell, Mrs. S. Y., Providence, 1 vol.
Bache, Prof., Washington, 1 vol.
Balch, Dr. L. P. W., Newport, R. I., 1 vol.
Binney, W. G., Burlington, N. J., 1 vol.
Blake, Commo. George S., 1 vol. 2 pphs.
Brightman, Capt. Henry A., curiously carved Chinese root, and a pair of very long horns of a Sicilian Ox.
Brooks, Rev. C. T., 1 vol.
Brooks, Sidney, 95 vols. 50 pphs., and a piece of the Atlantic Cable mounted in gold.
Calvert, George H., 2 vols.
Cheever, Mrs. George B., Bust of Gavazzi.
Congressional Library, 2 vols.
Cook, George I., 15 Mags. and four Sandwich Island weapons.
Cook, Miss Sarah, 3 vols. 1 Carte de Visite.
Cozzens, Hon. Wm. C., 1 vol. 1 Carte de Visite.
Cranston, Hon. Wm. H., 1 vol.
Dartmouth College, O. P. Hubbard, Librarian, 2 pphs.
Delaware. Wilmington Inst., 1 pph.
Detroit, Young Men's Society, 1 pph.
Dorigo, Mrs. C. H., 10 vols.
Dunn, Dr. T. C., 3 vols.
Ellery, George W., 38 pphs.
Engs, Dr. George M., 1 vol.
Fall River, Public Library, 2 pphs.
Ford, John R., 2 vols. 4 pphs.
Green Farm, Trustees of, 2 vols.
Greene, Albert G., Providence, 1 vol. 25 pphs.
Greene, George W., 1 vol.
Guild, R. A., Providence, 2 pphs.
Hammett, Charles E. Jr., 2 pphs.
Hammond, Zenas L., 3 vols.
Harvard College, per J. L. Sibley, 2 pphs.
Hayward, Dr. Geo. W., Boston, 4 pphs.
Hazard, Joseph P., 1 vol.
Hazard, R. R. Jr., 2 pphs.
Hazard, Sylvester R., large Knife brought from England, and kept in the Hazard family 224 years.
Hazard, Thomas R., 1 vol.
Home Journal, Gen. Geo. P. Morris, for two years.
Hoppin, Hamilton, 72 vols.
Jack, William, 1 vol.
Jackson, Mrs. Henry. Two Carte de Visites.
James, Henry, 4 vols.
Jewett, Prof., of Poughkeepsie, 2 pphs.
King, Charles B., Estate of, 5 Oil Paintings, viz :
 "Interior of a Church,
 "Love-letter and three figures,
 "Landscape,
 "Catalogue of C. B. King's Paintings,
 "Breedan's Cottage at Harper's Ferry."

- King, George G., 9 vols.
 Kali, Krishna, Calcutta, 4 vols.
 Lady of Newport, 2 vols.
 Lawrence, S. Abbott, 2 pphs.
 Lawton, F., Indian skull, found on the line of the Railroad from Fall River to Newport.
 Ledyard, Henry, 22 vols. 5 Carte de Visites.
 Ledyard, Lewis Cass, Japanese Sword and India Ink Case.
 Littlefield, Capt. Augustus N., 6 vols.
 McKay, Mrs. James, 13 pphs.
 Malcom, Rev. C. H., 7 Carte de Visites.
 Narragansett Weekly, J. H. Utter & Co., continued.
 New Bedford Public Library, 1 pph.
 New Hampshire Asylum for Insane, 1 pph.
 New York Merc. Library, 1 pph.
 New York Society Library, 1 pph.
 New York State Library, Albany, 8 vols. 2 pphs.
 Norris, William, of California, 30 very large Photographs, of Yosemite Valley.
 Palmer, Dr. James C., 7 feet of Atlantic Cable, laid by the Agamemnon.
 Parsons, Dr. H., 1 pph.
 Peckham, C. B., 3 vols.
 Pell, D. C., 18 vols., and large specimen of Crystal, from Matanzas.
 Pennsylvania Institute for Blind, 1 pph.
 Perry, Dr. Bela C., 1 vol.
 Perry, Mrs. C. G., 20 vols.
 Philadelphia Merc. Library, 1 pph.
 Pittsburg, Pa., Merc. Library, 1 pph.
 Potter, Hon. E. R., 1 vol.
 Powel, Samuel, 4 pphs.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Randall, Stephen, per R. A. Guild, 1 vol.
 Remington, Peter P., 1 vol.
 Rhoades, Lawrence, 200 pphs.
 Rhode Island, State of, per Hon. J. R. Bartlett, 5 vols. 1 pph.
 Robeson, Andrew, 7 vols. Specimens of Franklinite ore.
 Rodman, Hon. Wm. M., 4 vols.
 Rogers, Miss Eliza J., Philad., 2 of her father's Mss. Sermons.
 Russell, C. H., 5 vols. 52 pphs.
 Salem, Ms., Essex Institute, 8 vols.
 " " Athenæum, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 Schroeder, Henry, 1 pph.
 Sears, Hon. David, 11 vols. 2 pphs., 1 Carte de Visite, and Litho. of Christ's Church, Longwood.
 Seward, F. W., Department of State, 2 vols.
 Sheffield, Hon. Wm. P., 12 vols. 57 pphs.
 Spaulding, H. G., 1 pph.
 Taylor, John J., 3 vols. 1 pph., and Italian curiosities.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 1 vol.
 Totten, Capt. B. J., 2 very large whale's teeth, with figures carved upon them.
 Turner, Dr. H. E., 17 vols.
 Unitarian (Am.) Association. Magazine continued.
 Vaux, Thomas W., Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Van Rensselaer, John C., 75 Magazines.
 Ward, A. J., binding of two vols.
 Ward, William R. L., of New York, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 Wetmore, George P., 160 pphs.
 Williams, J. A., 21 Carte de Visites.
 Winthrop, B. R., 11 pphs.
 Woodman, Prof. J. S. Dartmouth, N. H., 4 pphs.









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HENRY E. TURNER,
CHARLES H. MALCOM.

On Lectures.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
JOHN T. BUSH,
GEORGE C. MASON,
CHARLES T. BROOKS,
CHARLES H. MALCOM,
CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

On Pictures.

AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE C. MASON,
JOHN T. BUSH,
RICHARD CORNELL.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPT. 28, 1864.

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1864.

At the hour appointed, the Hon. GEORGE G. KING, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Secretary, GEORGE C. MASON, Esq. was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows:—

George G. King,	Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Augustus N. Littlefield,	William C. Cozzens,
Charles A. Spencer,	William P. Congdon,
Joseph B. Weaver,	John T. Bush,
Duncan C. Pell,	Robert B. Cranston,
Charles T. Brooks,	Nathan H. Gould,
George C. Mason,	Charles C. Van Zandt,
Andrew Robeson.	

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz:

John Carter Brown,	Charles C. Van Zandt,
S. Bartlett Simmons,	John S. Engs,
Henry N. Ward.	

Proxies were then presented from

R. M. Mason,	T. R. Hazard,
Mary Porter,	Charles H. Russell,
H. W. Cozzens,	William N. Mercer,
D. J. Gould,	Emma Goffe,
W. H. D. Spooner.	

The Report of the Committee to examine the Books in the Library was heard and accepted.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account was read, received, and ordered to be recorded.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors was presented and read by the President, ordered to be recorded, and published in pamphlet form.

Voted, That the substance of the Report, referring to the abuse of Books, be printed separately, and placed in such Books as the Librarian may think proper.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year, viz:

GEORGE G. KING, *President*.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice-President*.

DIRECTORS :

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| 1. CHARLES H. RUSSELL, | 10. CHARLES T. BROOKS, |
| 2. SIDNEY BROOKS, | 11. HAMILTON HOPPIN, |
| 3. DAVID SEARS, | 12. JAMES LENOX, |
| 4. AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD, | 13. CHARLES H. MALCOM, |
| 5. GEORGE C. MASON, | 14. DUNCAN C. PELL, |
| 6. JOHN T. BUSH, | 15. WM. NEWTON MERCER, |
| 7. HENRY E. TURNER, | 16. NATHAN H. GOULD, |
| 8. WM. P. SHEFFIELD, | 17. EDWARD KING, |
| 9. THEOPHILUS C. DUNN, | 18. RICHARD CORNELL, |
| 19. CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT. | |

TREASURER :

GEORGE COZZENS.

SECRETARY :

ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

COR. SECRETARY :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Messrs. C. E. Hammett, Jr., S. W. Butler and James E. Mauran, were chosen a Committee to examine the Books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

On motion of William C. Cozzens,

Voted unanimously, That a Tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor, and that each paying proprietor be furnished with 12 tickets to a Course of Lectures proposed to be had during the year, and said tickets may be used or disposed of as the holder may think best.

Adjourned.

GEORGE C. MASON,

Secr'y pro tem.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHE-
NÆUM respectfully present their Report, for the year ending
September 28th, 1864.

We are happy to express our satisfaction with the ope-
rations of the Institution during the year, and our confidence
that they have resulted in valuable and undiminished advanta-
ges to those connected with it.

The present condition of our country, though causing inter-
ruption in literary pursuits to those who are immediately
engaged in its service, naturally excites the public mind to
greater activity than usual, and furnishes all, who have the re-
quired leisure and opportunity, with new motives for intellect-
ual improvement. It was to have been expected, as the expe-
rience of the year has proved, that our Institution should have
felt the impulse of the times, and have attracted increased
numbers to participate in its privileges.

The record of books circulated, as compared with the previ-
ous year, shows a considerable increase, and is as follows :

For the year ending September 1st, 1864.....	8,427
For the year ending September 1st, 1863.....	6,623
Increase	1,804

All the departments of the Institution appear in a condition
of improvement, and have imparted their appropriate benefits
to a greater extent than ever. At the same time, the disposi-

tion of its friends, to advance its interests and add to its treasures, has been exhibited in a truly gratifying manner.

At the date of the last Report, there were then in the Library 12,022 volumes.

The number of volumes since added is as follows :

By purchase.....	156
By binding, (Periodicals)....	65
By donation.....	422
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Total.....	643

Making the whole number now in the Library, 12,665.

Our last Report contained some suggestions relative to the treatment of the books, and we would again call the subject more particularly to your attention. The annual depreciation of books in general circulation in public Libraries, is larger than would, at first, be supposed, and has been estimated to amount in some Libraries, to one-tenth of their value. We have made no definite estimate of the annual injury suffered by the volumes in our Library, but no doubt it is very great, and much greater than it ought to be,—and it is apparent, not only in volumes which are of frequent and general circulation, but also in some which, without being removed from the Library, are only taken in hand to be glanced at for a moment, and then returned to the shelves. In the course of a comparatively short period, some works have become so defaced as to make it necessary to replace them by new sets. Of those which are only examined in our Rooms, some, which are frequently referred to for the illustrations they contain, originally among the choicest of our collection, are now so much damaged by careless use, as to have lost much of their value. Some injury of this kind is to be expected in regard to works in constant circulation, though its extent in such cases would be much diminished by greater care. But in the case of Books not removed from the Library, and only taken from the shelves for a slight reference, it is difficult to understand how they can receive any perceptible injury under a proper treatment.

We do not suppose that this injury, distributed as it is, among many hands, is voluntarily and consciously committed

by any one in disregard of the interests of the Institution, but are inclined to attribute it principally to unintentional carelessness. Readers are not aware how rapidly the process of deterioration proceeds in public Libraries, where the greatest care is not used. The first defacement prepares the way for and encourages another, which is greater; until finally, having passed through a course of regularly increasing neglect, the volume becomes entirely ruined.

We can find no sufficient remedy for this evil, unless readers can be persuaded to attend to its correction, and become duly sensible that greater care than they have been accustomed to exercise, is essential to the preservation of the Library in a decent condition, for any length of time. We would urge increased care, not only in regard to Books that are taken from the Library, but also towards the volumes read or examined at the tables—and especially those illustrated by valuable plates.

Beside the immediate interest to ourselves of preserving the Library and its volumes in good condition, we should recollect how large a part of it has come to us from cherished benefactors, who made their gifts with the conviction that they would be retained and preserved in perpetuity, and be productive of pleasure and advantage to all who are to come after us. A just regard to their memory requires us to keep and preserve unimpaired, these interesting objects of their bounty. In some cases these donations have been made under the conditions of a restricted use, designed for their preservation. But, in general, they are given without condition, and their preservation must depend on the care of those into whose hands they fall. We trust that these remarks will serve to call the desired attention to this subject, and be effective to protect our Library against further injury.

It will be seen that the additions by donation have been very considerable, both in number and value. As has been usual for some time past, they exceed the additions by purchase.

The largest donation is a collection of volumes purchased by

the donor for the occasion, and selected by him with reference to their intrinsic value for a public Library, and especially as adapted to our wants. In this case, the value of the donation has been greatly increased to us by the care bestowed in the selection. It has been our good fortune in previous years, as in this, to be the object of a like thoughtful interest, and to receive donations often suggested by the particular wants of the Institution; as, for instance, to supply our deficiency in new publications, or in a standard work of general interest, to furnish volumes needed to complete imperfect sets, or to continue a series commenced in a previous donation. The principle thus acted on by our donors on these occasions, beside its general advantage, has contributed to make less apparent the unavoidable smallness and insufficiency of our additions by purchase. This attention to make the donation most effective, and to continue the care of former years in our behalf, deserves our warmest thanks.

A list of the donations to the Library, and to the other departments, will be found appended to this Report.

Of these, we may more particularly mention the donation before alluded to, of two hundred and nine volumes of works of the best authors, and of thirteen pamphlets, by JAMES LENOX, Esq. Some of these volumes are beautifully illustrated, and some are reprints of rare works relating to the early history of our country, of which only a limited number have been re-printed. Many are superbly bound, and the donor has kindly provided for the binding in an appropriate manner, of the unbound volumes. A separate case has been prepared for this donation.

We would also specially notice donations from Dr. JOSEPH MAURAN, of Providence, of Morton's "*Crania Americana*;" and from MR. GEORGE TICKNOR, of Boston, of a valuable work, of which he is the author. Another friend has contributed five Reviews or periodicals, in continuance of a series previously commenced by him.

We continue to be the recipients of valuable pamphlets, the collection and preservation of which, is regarded by us to be an object of so much importance. Our thanks are due to the

HON. H. B. ANTHONY and HON. WILLIAM SPRAGUE, for Congressional Documents, and also to F. A. SEWARD and WILLIAM HUNTER, ESQ., of the State Department, for publications authorized by the Government of the United States.

In January last, we were notified by Mr. Henry Lee, Jr., the executor of Mrs. Louisa Lee Waterhouse, of a bequest by her to the Institution of two paintings—the head and bust of her late husband, Benjamin Waterhouse, when a young Quaker—and the head of Gilbert Stuart, the artist,—both by Stuart. We have since received these interesting paintings from the Executor, and placed them in our gallery.

Our thanks are due to DR. WILLIAM NEWTON MERCER for a series of Medals of the Popes of the 16th and 17th centuries. One of these medals is of gold, and the rest of bronze, executed in the highest style of art. It is an important accession to our cabinet in this branch of art, and of itself constitutes a collection of rare value.

We have received from SIDNEY BROOKS, ESQ., besides several volumes for the Library, two Papier Mache Maps of North America and Sardinia, a large Port Folio Stand and Port Folio, and a framed American engraving, entitled “Men of Progress in America.” We have also to acknowledge other valuable donations of Maps, Engravings, and Photographs; and also contributions to our Cabinet of Minerals, Relics and Chinese Curiosities; all of which appear on the list appended.

Besides these interesting donations already received, it gives us pleasure to state that, we have now offered us the opportunity of introducing to our gallery, whenever suitable provision shall be made for their reception, several valuable works of art, of a class not hitherto found in it.

In December, 1863, Mr. Edward King made known to the Directors his intention of presenting to the Institution a Collection of Statuary, obtained by him in Europe a few years since. The subjects of this proposed gift are, copies in marble of six antique statues, viz: the Dying Gladiator, and the busts of the Venus of Milo, Ariadne, Demosthenes, Cicero, and the Young Marcellus—all being the work of Paul Akers; also the “American School Boy,” an original work of James Mozier.

The offer of this Statuary was accompanied with the condition that a suitable place should be provided for it. And the Directors have indicated their acceptance of the donation, with the pledge of their best exertions, to fulfill the conditions upon which the gift is tendered. This offer has added greatly to the inducements previously existing, for an enlargement of our edifice. We have had occasion in a former Report to mention the growing want of shelf-room for Books; also the want of a room that may be adapted to the exhibition of our paintings and other works of art, and that may be used for Lectures when desired. Our necessities in these respects are greater than ever, and we have reached a point, where not only the further expansion of our Institution in the department of art is arrested, but even the limits heretofore assigned to this subject, are becoming daily more restricted.

To provide for our increasing Library, we have been obliged very recently to erect additional shelves, and thereby unavoidably to reduce the space appropriated to paintings, many of which have been removed from the walls and withdrawn from exhibition. And now we are deprived of the immediate possession of the interesting works of art above mentioned, by the want of a suitable place for their reception and arrangement.

In the progress of the Institution, and as increasing numbers of visitors are attracted to it, we are beginning to feel the importance of limiting the different apartments to a more special use. The erection of a new room exclusively devoted to works of art, beside being indispensable for the advance of that department, would be generally advantageous in other respects, and especially by relieving the Library and Reading Rooms from the inconveniencies to which they are at present liable by their common use for other purposes. Fully impressed with the importance of this improvement, we would recommend its being carried into effect as soon as our circumstances will permit. An extension of our edifice in the rear, has seemed preferable to any other plan of enlargement. As a preliminary step, we have considered the means and opportunities of acquiring the additional grounds needed. In

conformity with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, we negotiated for the purchase of the estate adjoining, belonging to the heirs of the late Peleg Clarke, Esq., but were not able to come to a satisfactory arrangement for its purchase. Having in view the general object of that resolution,—the enlargement of our grounds,—we also proceeded to ascertain the terms on which the other adjoining estate could be obtained. In view of the large outlay required, we have not deemed it prudent to take any further steps towards its acquisition.

Of course, none of the projected improvements, neither the acquisition of additional grounds, or an addition to the present edifice, can be made, unless the funds of the Institution be largely increased. However unfavorable circumstances seem at present to such a result, in a more settled condition of public affairs, we should have great confidence that the necessary sum could be raised. Though we aim at nothing further at this time, we should spare no efforts to secure on reasonable terms, the additional grounds that may be thought necessary for our purposes.

Since the last annual meeting, the Executor of the late Charles B. King, has paid over the whole balance appearing to be due to the Company, on account of a bequest contained in the last Will and Testament of said Testator. The payments made in this behalf, by the said Executor during the past year, amount to \$4,330 78. The whole amount in cash, realized from said bequest, in this and previous years, is \$8,913 78, as follows :

Cash received, June 15, 1863.....	\$ 583 00
Cash received, Sept. 24, 1863.....	4000 00
Cash received, May 14, 1864.....	1937 04
Cash received, June 7, 1864.....	2357 46
Cash, for interest on Notes, June 7, 1864..	36 28

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We have also received, in addition to the above sum, the spe-

cific legacy of Books, Engravings and Pictures, valued in the inventory at \$2,001, viz :

Books.....	\$211 00
Engravings.....	290 00
Paintings.....	1500 00
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	\$2001 00

The Directors have authorized the Treasurer to receive the above bequest from the Executor, and to sign a receipt and acquittance in behalf of the Company, and to affix its corporate Seal thereto.

In consideration of the increased taxes which were deemed necessary, it was proposed at the last annual meeting, that a COURSE OF LECTURES should be provided for the proprietors, and that each share-holder, on the payment of his tax, should receive twelve tickets of admission thereto. By the exertions of the Lecture Committee, this arrangement was carried into effect, and the Lectures proved highly interesting, and gave much satisfaction to the large audiences which they attracted. We recommend a continuance of this arrangement in future. Some part of the expense attending this course was supplied by subscription. The expense, however, exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$119 81.

The income of the Company for the past year, amounts to \$1,874 36. It will be seen that it has fallen somewhat short of our expenditures. Of this income, a part has been derived from Season subscriptions, interest of funds on hand, and other miscellaneous sources. The largest part is the proceeds of the tax ordered at the last annual meeting. Of the new shares authorized, but one share has been sold during the year, leaving eighteen shares for sale. Notwithstanding the increase in the amount of the tax, it has, in general, been paid with as much punctuality as in previous years. The gratuitous issue of tickets of admission to the Course of Lectures, provided by the Company, has encouraged a ready acquiescence in the necessarily increased taxation.

The Report of the Treasurer will exhibit the condition of

our finances in detail. The following are the items of expenditure for the past year, viz :

Books and Periodicals.....	\$383 85
Binding	136 19
Printing Annual Report, &c.....	69 00
Lighting Rooms.....	96 60
Fuel.....	120 32
Insurance.....	75 00
Salaries	943 70
Incidental Expenses.....	359 61
Bal. of Lecture Account { 356 14 }	.....119 81
	{ 236 33 }

\$2,304 08

All which is respectfully submitted by

GEORGE G. KING,

For the Directors.

FINANCE REPORT.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM:

The Finance Committee in making up a statement for the annual meeting, beg leave respectfully to refer to their Report submitted last year, and to suggest that said Report is equally applicable to the condition and circumstances of the Institution at this time, except only so far as relates to the Treasurer's account, by which it appears that the residue of the bequest of the late C. B. King, has been paid in full; leaving on hand unappropriated, about six thousand dollars. This amount, unless required to pay towards the purchase of additional land for the progressive needs of the Library, may be invested, and the income applied towards the annual support of the Library. We present the following estimate of probable expenses for the ensuing year, viz :

Salary of Librarian.....	\$800 00
Salary of Assistant Librarian.....	100 00
Fuel, \$150, Lighting Library, \$100.....	250 00
City Tax, \$50, Advertising, \$20.....	70 00
Incidental Expenses and Insurance	300 00
For Lectures on same plan as last year.....	120 00
For purchase of Books and Binding.....	420 00
Total Expenditure.....	\$.2,060 00

Which may be met by the following estimated income, viz :

On 300 paying shares, at \$5.....	\$1500 00
Season subscriptions, &c.....	150 00
Sale of two shares.....	50 00
Income arising from the Fund.....	360 00
	\$2,060 00

Respectfully submitted by

WM. C. COZZENS,

On behalf of the Committee.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 28, 1864.

Dr. REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, *in account with* GEORGE COZZENS, *Treasurer.* Cr.
BALANCE SHEET.

1864.	1863.
Sept. 26. To payments, Book acc., per acc. rendered..\$589 04	Sept. 30. By balance on hand.....\$2,144 72
" " " To Expense account..... 651 53	1864.
" " " To Lecture account..... 119 81	By Subscription Account, one share sold,..... 25 00
" " " To Salary, B. H. Rhoades, librarian..... 783 26	May 18. By cash received from Hon. G. G. King, Ex-
" " " To Salary, G. H. Taylor, assistant, 9 months.. 141 69	ecutor on estate of C. B. King, deceased..1,937 04
" " " To Salary, Theo. F. Read, assistant, 3 months.. 18 75	June 17. By balance of bequests from said estate.....2,357 46
" " " To amount invested in U. S. securities.....3,050 00	By Interest received on said estate..... 36 28
" " " To balance on hand.....2,979 50	By amount of collections from Annual Tax ac-
	count for taxes and rent of shares.....1,643 91
	By Interest and premium to this date..... 169 17
	Errors excepted,
	<u>\$8,313 58</u>
	GEO. COZZENS, <i>Treasurer.</i>

NEWPORT, September 26, 1864.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, have attended to that duty and find them correct, and the investments and balance on hand as above stated.

NEWPORT, September 26th, 1864.

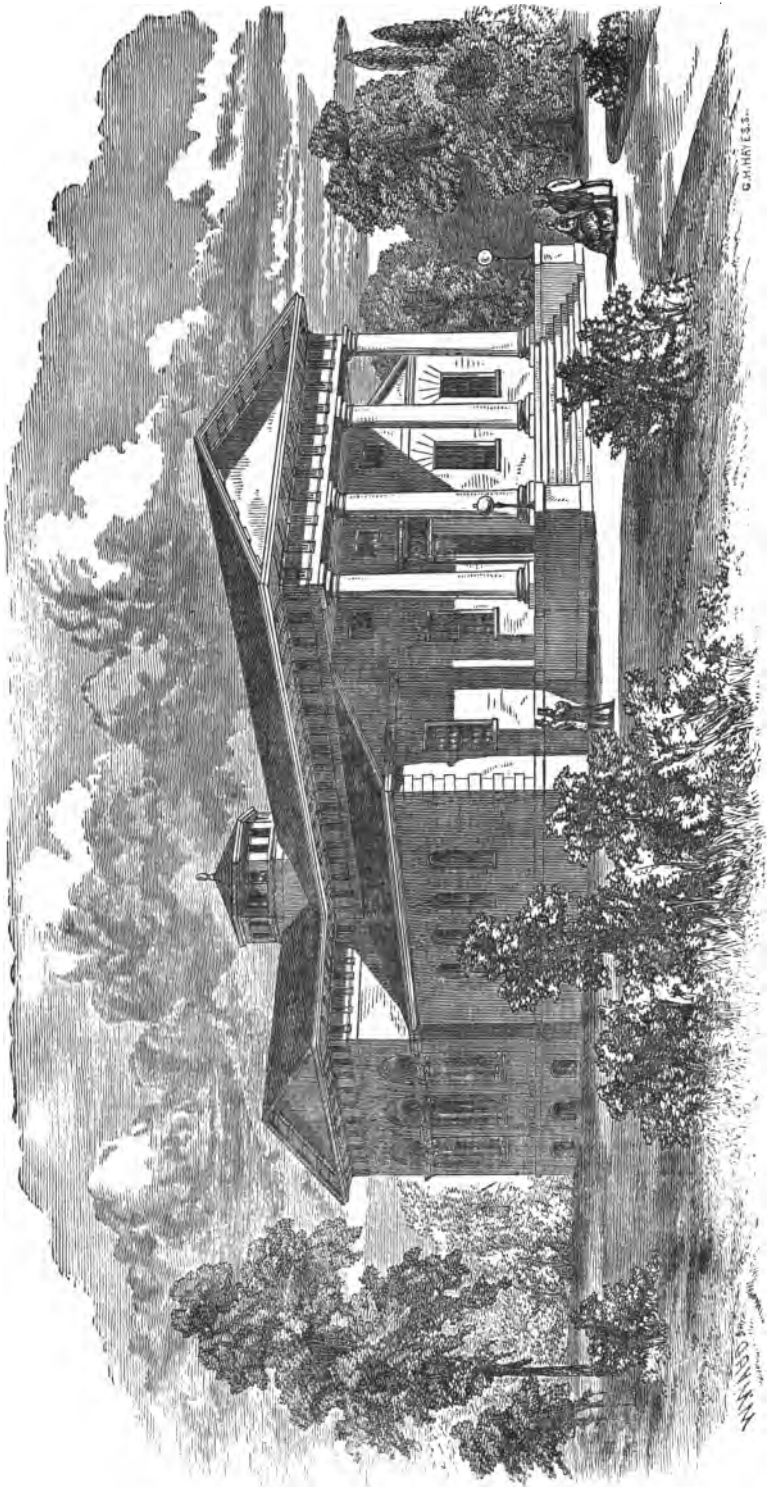
JOSEPH B. WEAVER, } *Auditors.*
C. E. HAMMETT, JR., }

APPENDIX.

The following is a List of all the Donations to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, for the year ending September 1st, 1864.

Atkinson, James, 2 vols.
Bache, Hon. A. D., 1 pph.
Bailey, Mrs. M. E., 1 photograph.
Barnard, Henry, of Hartford, 1 pph.
Black, J. W., 1 photograph.
Beck, H. P., 1 pph.
Bradford, Joseph, 2 pphs.
Brooklyn, N. Y., Mercantile Library, 1 Report.
Brookline, Massachusetts, Free Public Library, 1 Report.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 9 vols., 12 pphs., 1 engraving.
Brooks, Sidney, 6 vols., 1pph., large port folio stand and port folio, papier mache maps of North America and Sardinia, and very large engraving framed, of "Men of Progress in America."
Butler, Dr. John S., Hartford, 1 Report.
Calvert, George H., 3 vols.
Chapin, Dr. J. B., 1 vol.
Cheever, Rev. Dr. G. B., 1 vol.
Coit, Benjamin, 6 vols.
Collyer, Vincent, 2 vols.
Congress, (see United States.)
Congressional Library, 1 vol.
Cook, Miss Sarah, 1 engraving.
Cope, M. C., Philadelphia, 2 pphs.
Cornell, Richard, 5 Reviews, continued for the year.
Cranston, Hon. William H., 1 vol.
Dahlgren, Paul, 2 pphs.
Davis, Rev. L. D., 1 Review, continued for this year.

- DeKaye, Capt. Drake, 36 vols., 15 pphs., a rebel sabre from Gettysburg, and minerals.
- DeKaye, Mrs., 23 vols.
- Dorigo, Mrs. C. H., 1 vol.
- Dumont, Rev. A. H., 1 vol.
- Francis, Dr. Samuel, 1 volume, 1 pph.
- Friend, A., 1 vol.
- Gould, Nathan H., 1 vol.
- Gray, John C., of New York, 1 pph.
- Greene, Albert G., of Providence, 11 pphs.
- Hazard, Thomas R., 1 volume, 1 mag. continued, 1 newspaper continued.
- Hunter, Thomas R., 1 vol.
- Hunter, William, Washington, 2 vols.
- Jarvis, James Jackson, 1 vol.
- Jones, William A., librarian Columbia College, 2 pphs.
- King, Dr. David, 1 vol.
- Langley, Samuel Arnold, Providence, 4 vols.
- Lawton, Francis, 1 engraving.
- Ledyard, Henry, 19 vols.
- Lenox, James, of New York, 209 volumes, 18 pphs.
- Littlefield, Augustus N., 1 vol.
- Ludlow, Rev. James P., 2 bird spears from the Arctic Regions.
- McKay, James, 1 pph.
- Mahan, Professor D. H., of West Point, 1 pph.
- Malcom, Rev. C. H., 13 carte de visites.
- Massachusetts State Library, 1 vol.
- Mauran, Dr. Joseph, 1 volume, 1 pph.
- Mercer, Dr. William N., of New Orleans, 1 vol., 32 bronze medals, of the Popes of the 16th and 17th centuries, and 1 of gold.
- Mixter, Charles, 1 vol.
- Munsell, J., of Albany, 1 pph.
- Narragansett Weekly, continued, J. H. Utter & Co.,
- New Bedford, Free Public Library, 1 Report.
- New York, Chamber of Commerce, per James Mauran, 6 vols.
- New York, Historical Society, 2 pphs.
- New York, Merc. Library, 1 Report.
- New York, Society Library, 1 Report.
- Norris William, of San Francisco, 2 Reports.
- Norton, Charles E., 2 vols.
- Parker, Samuel A., 1 vol.
- Philadelphia Merc. Library, 1 Report.
- Phillips, Wendell, 1 carte de visite.
- Powel, Samuel, periodical continued.
- Ray, Dr. I., of Providence, 1 vol.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 1865.



NEWPORT:
PRINTED BY JAMES ATKINSON.
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OFFICERS

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

1865-6.

President,

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Vice-President,

WILLIAM C. COZZENS.

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Treasurer,

GEORGE COZZENS.

Secretary,

ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

Librarian and Cor. Secretary,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Clerk,

THEODORE F. READ.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS.

On Books.

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HAMILTON HOPPIN.

On Finance.

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SIDNEY BROOKS,
AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
HAMILTON HOPPIN,
JOHN T. BUSH.

On Repairs.

AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
JOHN T. BUSH,
NATHAN H. GOULD.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
THEOPHILUS C. DUNN,
HENRY E. TURNER,
CHARLES H. MALCOM.

On Lectures.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
JOHN T. BUSH,
GEORGE C. MASON,
CHARLES T. BROOKS,
CHARLES H. MALCOM,
CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

On Pictures.

AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE C. MASON,
JOHN T. BUSH,
RICHARD CORNELL.

On Enlargement.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,
SIDNEY BROOKS,
WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
HAMILTON HOPPIN.

PROCEEDINGS
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REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
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At the hour appointed, the Hon. GEORGE G. KING, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Secretary, GEORGE C. MASON, Esq., was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows:—

George G. King,	Henry E. Turner,
Augustus N. Littlefield,	Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Charles A. Spencer,	William C. Cozzens,
Joseph B. Weaver,	John T. Bush,
Duncan C. Pell,	Nathan H. Gould,
Charles T. Brooks,	David King,
George C. Mason,	Theophilus C. Dunn,
Sidney Brooks,	Oliver Potter,

tion to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

On motion of William C. Cozzens,

Voted, That the Directors be authorized to petition the Legislature for a change in the Charter, so far as it refers to the time of calling in all the Books for annual examination.

Voted, That they also make application to have the time of the annual meeting changed, if they think best.

On motion of T. W. Higginson,

Voted, That the subject of Lectures, from paid Lecturers, for the future, be referred to the consideration of the Directors.

Adjourned:

GEORGE C. MASON,
Secretary pro tem.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1865.

The Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY and ATHENÆUM, respectfully present their Report of the affairs and condition of the Company, and of their proceedings, for the year ending September 27th, 1865.

The progress of the Institution during the year, furnishes satisfactory assurance of its continued usefulness and prosperity. All the departments, with perhaps a single exception, to be noticed hereafter, have offered greater advantages than ever, and have attracted increased numbers and interest. The beneficial results thus, in general, realized during the period in question, compare favorably with our past experience, and it will be apparent from the statement of the special transactions and events of the year now to be laid before you, that, in some particulars, we have made an important and perhaps unexampled advance.

The LIBRARY and READING ROOM are practically the most considerable objects of our organization ; and have received from us the attention suited to their importance. With the means at our command, we have been enabled to furnish our readers with a reasonable share of new publications of interest ; and also to purchase at a public sale, lately occurring here, many desirable works of standard value on very advantageous terms. We have only to regret our inability to make more ample purchases. It is indeed most desirable that every year should be marked by a regular and considerable addition of

new and standard works, and that adequate appropriations for this object should be assumed from our own resources. By our charter, a certain, though inadequate, sum is required to be expended in books. With this exception, we are left at liberty to make such use of our resources as seems most expedient for the time: and the hindrances to a fixed and considerable application of funds in this or any other particular direction, are so regular, and inducements are so constantly arising to favor a diversion of appropriations from even the principal objects of the Institution to those more pressing, and made, temporarily at least, more important by accidental circumstances, that it may be doubted whether a uniform and adequate enlargement of the Library, at stated periods, can ever be assured without the establishment of a special fund limited to that purpose alone. Among the hindrances to the establishment of such a fund, by our present means, the first that occurs to view is, our general condition as an Institution in a state of progress, and not having yet attained a permanent position in which we are satisfied to rest without efforts for enlargement. And in the next place, (and practically the most substantial obstacle,) is the enlargement of the Institution that has already obtained and which compels greatly increased expenses in every additional year, not so much for the extension of our literary objects, as in the care and for the preservation of those already accumulated. From this cause many new items of expense have accrued, and others have been much augmented. Thus we have a very considerable charge for Insurance, an item of very recent date; taxation, also a considerable item, and not felt till lately as an onerous charge; and the rapid enlargement of the Library itself has involved a larger and very considerable expenditure for binding alone, imperfectly as our necessities in this respect are answered. To these are to be added an increased list of periodicals, and the growing expense of maintaining the requisite arrangements for the convenient daily accommodation of readers throughout the year. The expenditures for these purposes, for repairs, and for other regular or occasional objects, must unavoidably absorb the largest part of our funds, and leave but a small amount applicable to the pur-

chase of books. That such increased expenditure of this character is indispensable on our present system we cannot doubt; and we think it also clear and apparent that the efficiency of the Institution and its interesting character in public estimation, is best maintained by a system of this kind, liberally administered.

A reference to some published reports, recently received from other similar institutions, will show an experience and results analogous in this respect to our own. We find in them a diversity of opinion on the relative importance of the two departments—the permanent Library and the department of periodicals—indicated by the unequal and varying appropriations for these objects. But all of them concur in exhibiting a very small proportionate expenditure for the purchase of books, including periodicals, as compared with the other general expenses. For example, the Reports, casually taken, of seven different Institutions, recently received, state an actual expenditure of over \$37,000,—of which only \$4,800 was applied to the purchase of books, and \$3,800 to periodicals; the residue of this large sum being appropriated to other general expenses. It would thus seem inevitable, as shown by the general experience, that in all organizations of this character, the expense of what may be called the machinery for their efficient action and for their preservation, must absorb by far the largest part of their income. Nor should this result be regarded, even by those whose interest is confined to the Library, as implying a waste or misappropriation of means. The expenditure on such purposes is seen to be in part indispensable for the preservation of the Library in efficient use, and so far as it is applied to other objects and to extend the scope of the Institution by new departments, it indirectly enlarges, and adds new interest to, the Library itself. The additions made to it in the course of the last few years, a large share of them being donations elicited by an extended and liberal conduct of the Institution, are of great importance, and furnish a choice supply of reading which the most assiduous reader will find it difficult to exhaust. Without these accessions, so effected, the Library would have been much inferior to what it is at present.—And it has now

become so valuable, that the preservation of the volumes on our shelves in a good condition, is an object of as much importance as is the increase of their number. Perhaps indeed it is of even more importance if their preservation be seriously endangered.

And here it may be useful to recall the suggestions, made in previous Reports, on the extensive injury to which our volumes are subjected by their careless use. The idea that the preservation of a Library, in such use as ours, may be endangered so as to become an object of solicitude, receives confirmation, not only by our own experience of such injury, but by the impressions of a similar experience reported from abroad, and by the expedients adopted in other institutions for the correction of the evil. The tendency to deterioration of public Libraries of circulation, and the inconvenience of having always a large proportion of the most valuable and sought-for books, abstracted from the Library, and perhaps lying idly on the tables of private houses, have been deemed by some to present sufficient inducements for a resort to a different system, which, rejecting altogether the idea of circulation, confines the use of the books within the Institution itself, and to the tables provided for readers. There are examples of this system, we believe, actually in operation, and with marked effect, favorable to the preservation of the Library, even under the largest use of the volumes. In other cases, a combination of the two systems obtains, a portion only of the Library being restricted from circulation. In one public Library whose report we have before us, we observe that the largest part of it (11,000 volumes out of 17,000) is guarded by such restriction as a condition of its foundation. Without considering the general question of the comparative advantages of the two systems, or the expediency of any change in our own practice, we yet feel it may be useful, in this general way, to refer to the indications of a feeling gradually arising and extending in the experience of all managers of Libraries, that on our present system, the volumes of a public library are subject to much unnecessary injury, requiring the adoption of some appropriate and efficient remedy. In our own case we have realized the benefits of a

partial adoption of a restricted use introduced by the conditions affixed to some donations ; though we regret to say that even this has not been sufficient to protect some of these from considerable injury.

The record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, exhibits a large increase, and is as follows :

For the year ending September 1st, 1863,.....	11,907
For the year ending September 1st, 1864.....	8,427
Increase.....	3,480

At the date of the last Report, there were then in the Library 12,665 volumes. The number of volumes since added is as follows :

By purchase.....	265
By binding (Periodicals).....	41
By donation.....	766
Total	1,072

Making the whole number now in the Library, 13,737.

Of the large additions made to the Library, it will be observed that, as usual in recent years, the volumes added by donation much exceed the number added by purchase. An examination of them will also show that they are of much greater proportionate cost and value.

In view of the most important of these donations, and of the pleasure and interest afforded by such a body of fresh literature laid on our tables in a single day, we are made practically to realize how desirable it is that we should, from our own resources be able to promise to our readers, regularly in future years, an equal provision of pleasurable expectation and of intellectual enjoyment. The attention attracted by this, and other recent donations of a similar character, illustrates the advantage, for Institutions aiming at popular effect, of a regular distinguishable growth : and especially is this desirable in the Library department, whose interest for any but mere students, or those whose literary habits and tastes are already fixed, so greatly depends on the idea of finding in it a large proportion of new works representing the thoughts and concerns of the passing times. To indulge this idea to the extent that is demanded by some would indeed be to sacrifice the real and

substantial object of the Institution to merely temporary expedients of allurements, and would result in a failure to attain any real good. But we have, in this and other similar donations, evidence that the contributions to our Library may be so fitted as happily to impart the impression of recent production in union with more substantial conditions; and that even the best popular influence is produced by works of the highest character when presented in such a conspicuous form.

For the donation which has furnished the occasion of these remarks, we are indebted to ROBERT H. IVES, Esq. of Providence; and our obligations to him are much increased by the interest and care he has taken in the selection. It consists of 334 volumes, remarkable for their general excellence, and at the same time fitted, in reference to our previous acquisitions and to our immediate wants, to be of the greatest relative utility to us. It comprises without exception, works of permanent value, and some of the principal and most desirable productions on subjects of present interest. We mention the following to indicate the character of the donation.

New American edition of Michaux & Nuttall, on the Forest Trees of the United States, &c.

Audubon's Birds and Animals.

Nicholson's Encyclopedia of Architecture.

Jomini's Life of Napoleon.

Lodges Portraits. Many late volumes of Bohn's Library.

Knight's London, &c.

Binney's Mollusks.

Milman's Latin Christianity.

A large number of these volumes are substantially bound—some of them in an expensive style. They have been placed in a separate case prepared for them, with an appropriate inscription.

It is pleasing to record in the proceedings of the year, such a manifestation of regard for the Institution, and to witness such an increase of our means of usefulness. While acknowledging this donation in appropriate terms, we shall best realize our obligations and the importance of such interest in our behalf, by recalling, in connexion with this, the similar tokens of interest exhibited and continued from year to year, presented

to your notice in former Reports, and which, perhaps more than any other acquisitions, have given to our Institution from the time they commenced, so conspicuously, its aspect of continued improvement.

A list of all the DONATIONS to the Library, and to the other departments, will be found appended to this Report.

We would specially mention of these, in continuance of previous donations, the receipt from DAVID SEARS, Esq., of 29 volumes, including the new American Encyclopedia; and from JAMES LENOX, Esq., 13 volumes of Barnard's "American Journal of Education."

We have also received from J. R. FORD, Esq., 43 volumes of the English "New Annual Register;" and from our members of Congress, and from the public departments, "Congressional Documents" and publications authorized by the government of the United States.

Our thanks are due to GEORGE A. HAMMETT, Esq., for a donation of three hundred dollars, to be applied to the purchase of books, under a condition which has received our assent. This is the second donation recently received from this donor.

We have now to report one of the largest pecuniary accessions ever made to the funds of the Institution in any previous year. This has been derived from the bequest of Dr. WILLIAM J. WALKER, who came to this city a few years since, and died here April 2d, 1865. By his last will and testament he bequeathed to this Institution the sum of ten thousand dollars; and the amount to which we were so entitled—the internal revenue tax of \$600 being deducted,—was promptly paid over by the executors, to the company, in August last, and is now at your disposal in the hands of the treasurer. The bequest is made without any condition, and the property thus bestowed comes into our possession to be used for the purposes of the Institution in accordance with our own views of its best interests. This noble benefaction furnishes us with occasion of congratulation at such an enlargement of our resources; and cannot fail to be received by us with a due sense of the implied obligations, for its appropriate and liberal use, which are ever connected with such a gift, however unlimited its terms. Dr.

Walker passed the principal part of his career in the State of Massachusetts ; and his residence here, in the closing years of his life, was occasioned by his accidental connexion with the enterprise of extending an interior railroad line of a neighboring State to a terminus in our harbor ; and if not to him alone, at least to him more than to any other individual, that important project owes its successful accomplishment. A liberal education and the study of the learned profession which he long practiced with success, gave him a predominant inclination to literary associations, which continued undiminished by the avocations of his subsequent business life. Soon after his arrival here, he became interested in this Institution, and indicated his strong regard for its objects, and a disposition to extend towards it a liberal hand. Its attraction, as a new and later object of sympathy, did not displace his earlier associations of a similar character, and, by various bequests in his will, he has remembered, with proportionate liberality, several educational and collegiate institutions to which, in early life, or by long acquaintance, he had become attached. We must regard it a most fortunate circumstance for this Institution, and also for this city, that his steps were directed hither. His temporary residence here has resulted in a valuable contribution by him to our intellectual means, the influence of which must be extensively felt among us ; and it is also remarkable that the same hand has so largely aided in the prosecution of a work of the greatest commercial importance to this community. He has thus left behind him here, an enduring impression of both pecuniary and moral benefits, for which he should ever be gratefully remembered.

Since the last annual meeting, under a general authority conferred by a vote of the company, the Directors have taken a measure which is fitted to give a decided direction to the further necessary efforts to enlarge the Institution and increase its accommodations. The step to which we refer, is the purchase of the Clarke estate adjoining our own. The terms of this purchase, made by a committee, whose acts have been confirmed by us, are as follows :—The price agreed to be paid was \$15,000—of which \$3,000 has been paid in advance, and

the remainder secured by a mortgage on the estate, payable one year after date, with interest at six per cent. In reduction of the cost above stated, we are entitled to the net rent of the estate for the season, (about \$800,) and we have also received in aid of the purchase the sum of \$500, the generous gift of ALFRED SMITH, Esq. Some advantageous conditions relative to the furniture were included in the contract of purchase, and are on record in the report of the committee.

The need of further accommodation by an extension of our present edifice has been apparent for some time, and was fully presented in our last Report, to which we would refer for our views on that subject generally.

Our late purchase has relieved us from the embarrassment, previously felt, of too restricted limits on the easterly line of our estate, and affords the opportunity for an enlargement of our edifice in that direction, if desired. While all have felt the necessity of further accommodations, there has seemed to be a general concurrence of opinion that this extension could be attained most in harmony with existing arrangements, and most economically, by an enlargement like that suggested. Before the purchase above named, the subject of increased accommodations was referred by the Directors to a committee, who subsequently reported thereon. Their report expresses their approval of a plan, presented by George C. Mason, Esq., on the presumption that a further extension of our grounds could not be obtained. But feeling, no doubt, that it would be premature to act on the subject until after further and unavailing efforts for such extension, they concluded to make no positive recommendation. Since their report, the desired purchase has been made, and we are now at liberty to pursue a less restricted plan of improvement. It will rest with you to consider and determine the necessity and propriety of any measure of this kind. It must be apparent that no extensive improvement can be entertained or projected without a further and very considerable augmentation of our means. Until this is obtained it will be a matter of necessity for us to provide expedients of a temporary character to give the present relief,

now indispensably required by our increasing Library, and for other necessary accommodations.

The acquisition of the before mentioned estate has not involved us in debt beyond the existing funds of the Company, and is to be regarded, while it remains in its present condition, as an investment of our means to the extent of its cost, viz :— of \$3,000 advanced on the purchase, and \$12,000 remaining on mortgage. So long as it continues in the occupation of a tenant, we may hope to realize from the rent a sufficient income to pay the interest on the purchase ; and even when a portion of the lot is used for our anticipated purposes, the tenement now on it, on a new location, will probably yield a considerable rent, more or less approaching the interest of the outlay.

We have endeavored by the action of our committee to make effectual arrangements for a COURSE OF LECTURES that would be acceptable and satisfactory to the shareholders. Those which we were enabled to provide, though less in number than we desired, were, we have reason to believe, received with much satisfaction. Our inability to attain a more extended course was owing to causes of both a temporary and permanent character, and may be attributable partly to the accidental condition of the times, but perhaps principally to the difficulty of sustaining an adequate Course of Lectures by our own efforts, without a reasonable proportionate encouragement from the community at large. Unless we shall have reason to anticipate better results in the coming year than those experienced in the past, we should think it advisable to suspend for a time further efforts in this behalf.

By what has already been stated in a preceding page of this Report, the company are informed of the two largest items of income and investment during the year. An entire view of our financial condition is presented in the Treasurer's Report annexed. The following abstract from the same exhibits the particular items of our expenditure for the past year, viz :—

Books..	\$278 86
Reviews and Periodicals.....	152 35
Newspapers.....	101 89
Binding account.....	116 38
Salaries.....	971 91

Printing Annual Report and Advertising...	109 35
Lighting Rooms.....	227 90
Fuel.....	112 90
City Tax.....	51 00
Insurance.....	219 05
Incidental expenses.....	170 92
Lecture account.....	126 75
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	\$2,639 26

The income of the company for the year is as follows, viz:—

Taxes paid on shares	\$1,525 00
Temporary subscriptions.....	333 00
Sale of shares.....	50 00
Sale of catalogues and papers.....	30 20
Receipts from Lectures...	63 75
Income arising from fund.....	377 10
Gift of Geo. A. Hammett, Esq.....	300 00
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	\$2,679,05

To this amount are to be added the gift of Alfred Smith, Esq., and the bequest of Dr. Walker.

It will be seen by the above abstracts, that our income from ordinary sources has fallen somewhat short of our necessary expenditures, even under a restricted purchase of books—a result consequent on the new and increased expenses previously referred to and explained, and which seems unavoidable. We are unable to designate any particular in which they can be reduced with due regard to the efficiency of the Institution, and many cases are apparent where a much larger than the present expenditure would have been most advantageously applied, had we possessed the means. On the single subject of binding alone, much more is required, to say nothing of larger additions to our Library, especially in Reviews and Periodicals. This condition of our affairs must show how indispensable it is to continue to raise the amount now levied by taxation, and should induce every one to yield this measure ready and cordial support.

All which is respectfully submitted by

GEORGE G. KING,

For the Directors.

FINANCE REPORT.

TO THE CORPORATION OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM:

The Finance Committee, according to their custom, beg leave to present the following estimate of the anticipated income of the Institution for the ensuing year; together with the estimates of probable expenses, showing the amount which may be expended in the purchase of books. No recommendation is offered in regard to Lectures.

RECEIPTS:

On 300 paying shares, at \$5.....	\$1,500 00
Season subscriptions	300 00
Probable sale of shares.....	100 00
Income from the Clarke estate, over interest and expenses.....	100 00
Income from the fund.....	780 00
Total.....	\$2,780 00

EXPENDITURES:

Salary of Librarian.....	\$900 00
Salary of Assistant Librarian.....	125 00
Fuel.....	125 00
Lighting Rooms.....	225 00
City Tax.....	160 00
Advertising and Printing Annual Report.....	100 00
Insurance.....	100 00
Incidental.....	200 00
Reviews, Periodicals and Newspapers.....	250 00
Binding.....	150 00
Leaving for purchase of Books.....	445 00
Total.....	\$2,780 00

Respectfully submitted by

WM. C. COZZENS,

On behalf of the Committee.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 27, 1865.

BALANCE SHEET.

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1865.		
Sept. 25.	To payments for Book account	\$719 08
"	To payments Expense do., including Lecture do.	948 27
"	To Salary, B. H. Rhoades, Librarian.....	891 66
"	To Salary, T. F. Read, assistant.....	80 25
"	To payment on acc. of purchase of Clarke est..	3000 00
"	To balance on hand, viz: in U. S. Bonds, and accumulated interest, to Sept. 25.....	10,186 00
"	To cash to new account.....	3,112 15
		\$18,937 41

1864.		
Sept. 26.	By balance on hand this date, in U. S. Bonds and cash.....	\$6,009 50
Sept. 12.	By cash, William J. Walker's Bequest in his Will.....	\$10,000
	Less U. S. Government Tax.....	600 9400 00
	By cash, Gift by George A. Hammett.....	300 00
	By cash, net proceeds of half season's rent of Clarke estate.....	348 86
	By cash, Gift by Alfred Smith, towards pur- chase of the Clarke estate.....	500 00
	By subscription acc., 2 shares sold.....	50 00
	By amount of collections from annual Tax, rent of shares, and sales from Library...	1951 95
	By interest account to Sept. 25th.....	377 10
	Errors excepted :	\$19,937 41

GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 25, 1865.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have attended to that duty and find them correct, and the investments and balance on hand as above stated.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 25th, 1865.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER,

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, Jr.,

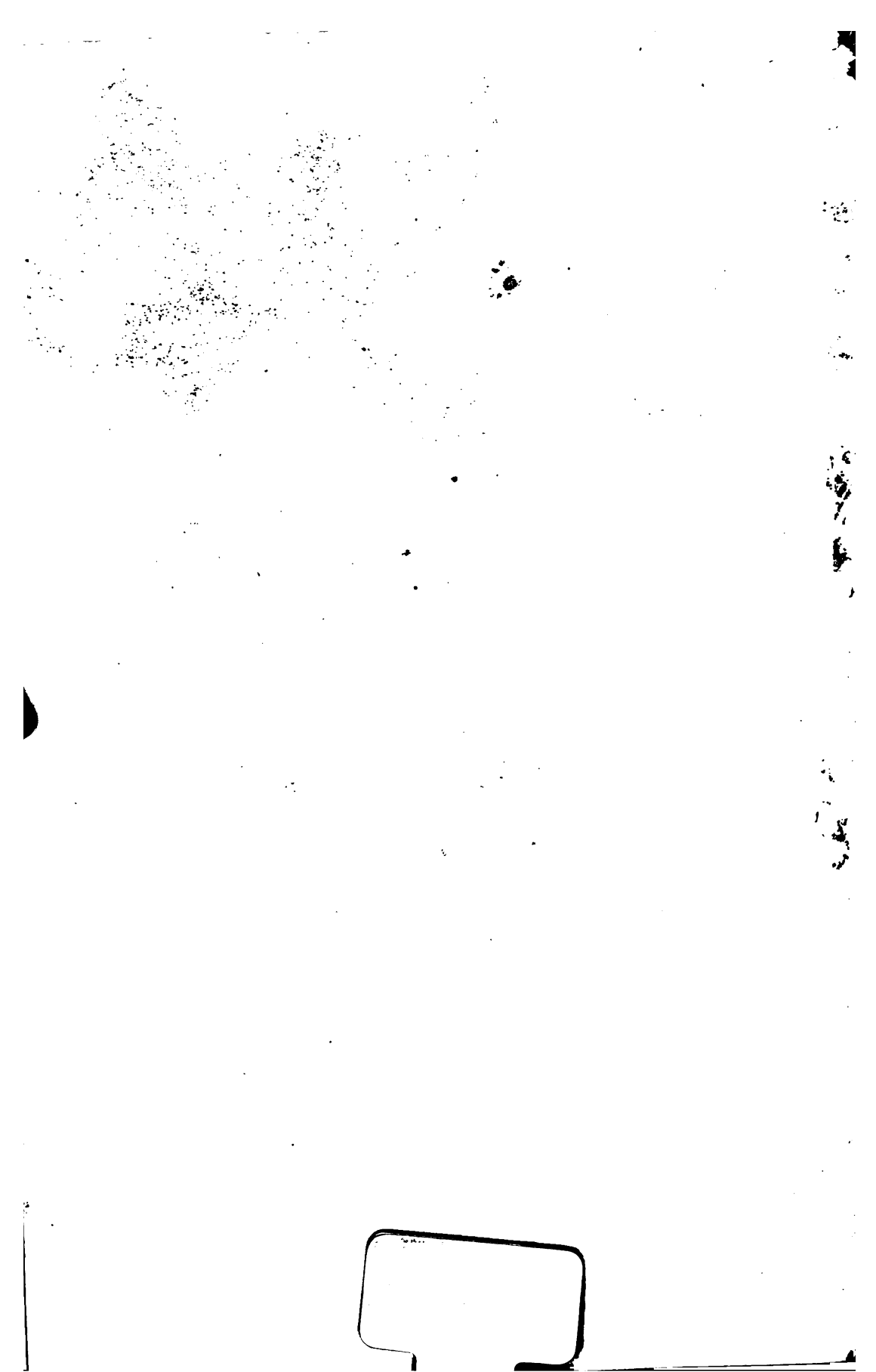
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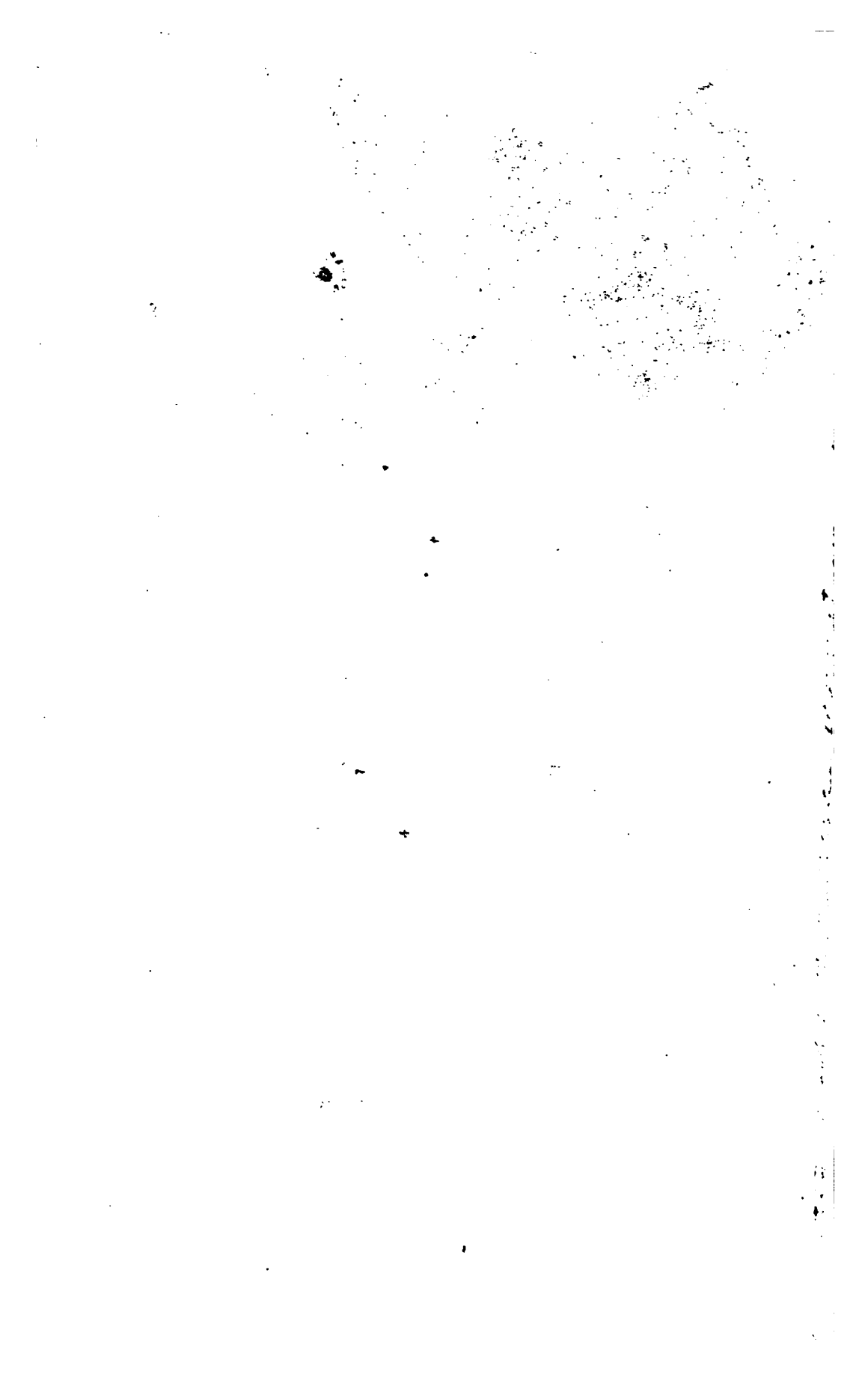
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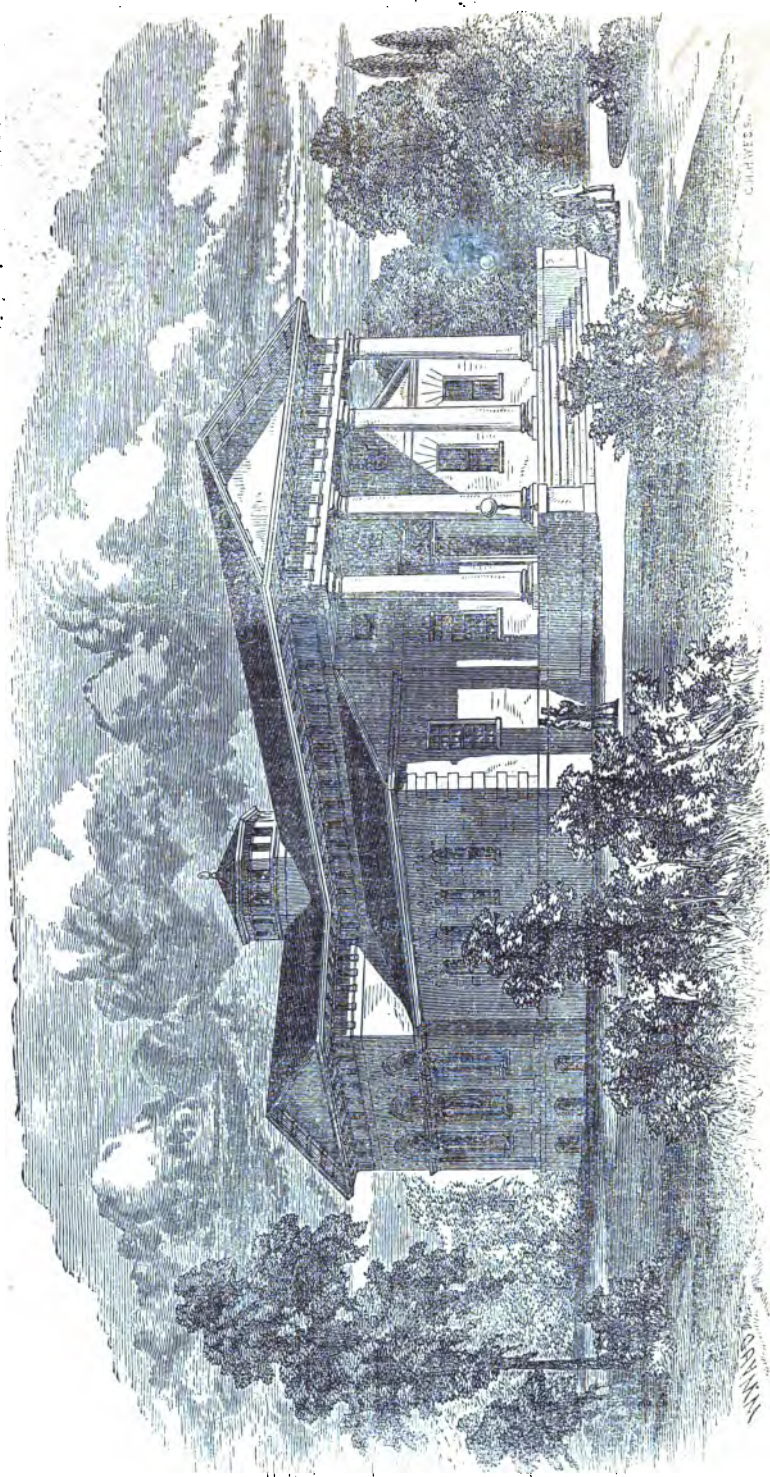
The following is a List of all the Gifts to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, for the year ending September 1st, 1865 :

Alton, Ill. Shurtleff College, 1 pph.
Ashhurst, William H., 2 vols., 7 pphs.
Atkinson, Prof. William P., of Boston, 1 vol.
Bartlett, Rev. Wm. S., of Lowell, Mass., 2 vols.
Bedlow, Henry, 149 vols.
Blake, Commodore G. S., 1 pph.
Boston Public Library, 1 vol.
Boyd, Andrew of New-York, 1 vol.
Bradford, George P., 1 vol.
Brookline, Mass., Public Library, 2 vols.
Brooklyn, N. Y., Mercantile Library 1 pph.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 8 vols., 9 pphs.
Brooks, Rev. C., of Medford, Mass., 2 pphs.
Caldwell, Rev. S. L., 2 pphs.
Calvert, Geo. H., 1 vol.
Cambridge, Harvard College, per J. L. Sibley, 1 pph.
Carey, Henry, of Philadelphia, 3 pphs.
Chapin, J. B., of Providence, 2 vols.
Chase, Henry T., of Chicago, 2 pphs.
Choate, Dr. G. C. S., of Taunton, 7 pphs.
Charlestown, Mass., Public Library, 1 vol., 1 pph.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
Cook, Miss Sarah, 2 vols.
Coit, Rev. T. W., 1 vol.
Cornell, Richard, six periodicals, continued, 1864 to 1866.
Day, Horace H., of New-York, 2 vols.
Davis, Dr. Charles, 7 maps.
Dunn, Dr. T. C., 23 vols.

Emerson, George B., of Boston, 1 pph.
 Ford, John R., 43 vols.
 Francis, Dr. Samuel W., 1 vol.
 Greene, Hon. Albert W., of Providence, 2 pph.
 Guild, William, of Newport, 2 vols.,
 Hadwen, Charles, of Worcester, Mass., 17 vols.
 Hall, J. Marshall, 1 carte de visite.
 Higginson, Col. T. W., 1 vol.
 Hoppin William J., of New-York, 1 vol.
 Hunter, Hon. William, State Dep't., Wash., 5 vols.
 Ives, Robert H., Providence, 334 vols.
 Lawton, Francis, 13 pphs.
 Ledyard, Henry, 17 vols.
 Lenox, James, of New-York, 13 vols., 2 pphs.
 Lee, Henry, of Boston, 1 vol.
 Lyon, Major James W., Torpedo, and 1 vol.
 Massachusetts, Board of Education. by Col. Higginson, 1 vol.
 Malcom, Rev. C. H., 1 carte de visite, 2 pphs.
 Mauran, James G., 7 vols.
 Mercer, Wm. N., autograph letter of Jefferson, and 2 vols.
 Mixter, Charles, 2 pphs.
 Mixter, Mrs. Charles, 2 vols.
 New-Bedford, Mass., Public Library, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 New-Bedford, Friends, 1 vol.
 Newell, William H., large engraving of Old Newport.
 Newport, R. I., 1 vol.
 Nourse, Professor, 2 vols.
 New-York, Columbia College, 1 pph.
 New-York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania University, 2 pphs.
 Patterson, Major General Robert, 1 vol.
 Peckham, C. B., 4 vols.
 Pell, Lieut. Gov., D. C., 12 vols.
 Powel, Samuel, 3 pphs.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 vol.
 Prouty, Mrs. J. L., a cane from the "Mayflower."
 Rhode-Island, State of, 2 vols.
 R. I. Medical Society, 2 pphs.
 Robeson, Andrew, 5 pphs.
 Russell, Charles H., 84 pphs.
 Russell, Miss F., 60 pphs.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Institute, 4 periodicals.
 Smith, Capt. James Bryce, 2 vols.
 Sears, Hon. David, 31 vols., 1 pph.
 Sprague, Hon. William, 1 vol.







ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1866.



NEWPORT:

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BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Clerk,
THEODORE F. READ.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COMPANY OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
NEWPORT, R. I.,
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1866.

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 26th, 1866.

At the hour appointed, the Hon. GEORGE G. KING, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Secretary, GEORGE C. MASON, Esq., was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows :—

George G. King,
Henry E. Turner,
H. Allen Wright,
Godfrey Cook,
Duncan C. Pell,
Hamilton B. Tompkins,

Augustus N. Littlefield,
Joseph B. Weaver,
Richard Cornell,
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George C. Mason,
Frederick Tompkins,

Henry H. Fay,
A. Judson Ward,
James L. Hazard,

John T. Bush,
Nathan H. Gould,
Charles H. Malcom.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz. :—

William Edgar,
Russell Manchester,
J. Ludlow Dumont,
Philip Simmons,
Edward M. Willett,
Harry Russell,

William Boerum Wetmore,
David T. Pinnegar,
Thomas Hull Hazard,
Gardner B. Reynolds,
Edward D. Morgan,
Philip Rider.

The Report of the Committee to examine the Books in the Library was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received, and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account was read, received, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors was presented and read by GEORGE C. MASON, ordered to be recorded, and published in pamphlet form.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

GEORGE G. KING, *President.*

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice-President.*

DIRECTORS :

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GEORGE COZZENS.

SECRETARY :

ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

COR. SECRETARY :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Messrs. C. E. Hammett, Jr., James E. Mauran and Henry H. Fay, were chosen a Committee to examine the Books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

On motion of John T. Bush,

Voted, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

The annexed REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE was then read, received, and ordered to be printed:—

To the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum:—

The Finance Committee, according to their custom, beg leave to present the following estimate of the anticipated income of the Institution, for the ensuing year, together with the estimates of probable expenses.

RECEIPTS.

On 300 paying shares.....	\$1,500 00
Temporary subscriptions and sales of old paper.....	450 00
Probable sale of shares.....	100 00
Income from the United States stock and Clarke estate, over expenses and interest on Clarke estate	1,035 00
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	\$3,085 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Librarian	\$900 00
Salary of Assistant Librarian.....	150 00
Furnace and Fuel.....	250 00
Lighting Rooms.....	260 00
City Tax.....	160 00
Printing Annual Report and Insurance.....	110 00
Incidental.....	250 00
Reviews, Periodicals and Papers	250 00
Binding.....	300 00
Leaving for purchase of Books.....	455 00
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	\$3,085 00

Respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,

In behalf of the Committee.

On motion of William C. Cozzens,

Voted, That the Directors be authorized to petition the General Assembly for an amendment of the Charter, providing for the creation of preferred shares of capital stock, as recommended by the Board of Directors; also, to increase the number of Directors to twenty-five, if deemed advisable; and, also, to have the name of the Institution restored to its original title, if there should be no substantial objection.

Adjourned:

GEORGE C. MASON,

Secretary pro tem.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1866.

The Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY and ATHENÆUM respectfully present their Report of the affairs and condition of the Company, and of their proceedings, for the year ending September 26th, 1866.

The year, now brought to a close, has been one of continued usefulness of the Institution, without marked events to which special attention should be called. The LIBRARY and READING ROOM have been opened day and evening at all seasons, with the exception of the very brief period occupied in cleaning the building. The Reading Room has been frequented by a large number of readers, who have found the tables liberally supplied with newspapers and the best periodical literature.

During the past, as in former years, we have been favored with donations of Books from the numerous friends of the Library, and were it not for the substantial aid rendered in this way, the funds at the disposal of the Book Committee would be wholly inadequate to meet the demands for new issues from the press, which must be purchased to some considerable extent, if we would keep up with the literature of the day. In this connection we have to acknowledge a donation of \$200 from JAMES T. RHODES, Esq., of Providence, for the purchase of 16 vols. of Hansard's Debates, (to complete the set belonging to the Library,) and 6 vols. of the Annual Register—an acquisition heretofore beyond the reach of the Book Committee.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of books from Hon.

DAVID SEARS, HENRY LEDYARD, Esq., and Mrs. WORMELEY; and from GEORGE A. HAMMETT, Esq., the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purchase of books. This is the third donation from this donor for the purchase of books. From Hon. T. A. JENCKES, Hon. WM. SPRAGUE, and Hon. HENRY B. ANTHONY, we have received a large number of Congressional Documents.

A much larger sum than has yet been placed to the credit of the Book Committee could be expended advantageously, and would relieve them of the difficulties they often experience in making selections, when the calls are greatly in excess of the means at their disposal. It is important that incomplete sets should be filled. All new standard works are called for as soon as issued, and there is a demand for the lighter literature of the day, which must be met in part at least.

The want of shelf-room (met a year ago by placing shelves against the walls of the Reading Room) is again becoming pressing. The addition of less than one thousand volumes would fill every available space in the Library and Reading Room. If, however, a room were added to the present structure, to be set apart for sculpture and painting, it would leave the walls of the Reading Room free for a gallery, with ample space for books for years to come.

Attention has frequently been called to the manner in which books taken from the Library are used; and we are constrained again to point to the injury the Library sustains in this way. The wear and tear of books much called for is often great, and in many instances mutilated volumes have to be replaced at considerable expense. With proper care they would last for years, and would never come in defaced, broken, or twisted out of shape. The injury books receive when circulated is a source of very general complaint. The annual report of the Philadelphia Mercantile Library lays stress on the number of books "which, from careless handling soon become a disgrace to the Library." The Institution above referred to is able to devote 47 per cent. of its income to purchases, and expended more than eight thousand dollars for new books in 1864. If a Library, with such resources, feels sensibly the wear and tear

of books in circulation, our own Institution, with its expenditures for books limited to a few hundred dollars per annum, cannot too strongly condemn an evil that every one must see should be corrected without direct action on the part of the board.

The record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows :

For the year ending Sept. 1, 1865.	-	-	11,907
For the year ending Sept. 1, 1866,	-	-	11,806
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Decrease,	-	-	101

This decrease is accounted for by the departure of the Naval Academy. Its officers and teachers the previous year took out 968 volumes—a gratuitous privilege accorded to them during the four years of their sojourn in Newport, by vote of the Directors.

At the date of the last report, the whole number of volumes in the Library was - - - - - 13,737

The number of volumes since added is as follows:

By purchase, - - - - -	179
By binding (Periodicals), - - - - -	51
By donation, - - - - -	231
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	461

Making the whole number now in the Library, - 14,198
Pamphlets presented during the year, 1028.

The Lecture Committee have not deemed it expedient to have a course of Lectures the past year. The examination of a large number of Annual Reports of public Libraries reveals the fact that Lectures in connection with Library Associations have not been found remunerative. The only instance to the contrary coming under our notice, is that of the Springfield Public Library, whilst, on the other hand, there is abundant evidence that Lectures, by popular lecturers, and spoken of as of the highest order of merit, have failed of their object, showing that the public no longer crave these entertainments, and that in a pecuniary sense, at least, they generally prove a failure.

An entire view of our financial condition is presented in the

Treasurer's Report annexed. The following abstract from the same exhibits the particular items of expenditures for the past year :

New Books purchased.....	\$774 74
Binding account.....	324 94
Reviews and Periodicals.....	157 21
Newspapers.....	77 80
Printing.....	66 50
Salaries.....	1022 57
New Book-cases, Carpets, &c.....	708 58
Lighting Rooms.....	280 64
Fuel.....	129 00
City Tax.....	160 00
Insurance.....	65 75
Incidentals.....	338 71
Paid on account of purchase of Clarke estate.....	1000 00
" for furniture for Clarke house.....	1315 22
" repairs and house cleaning.....	122 75
" interest on mortgage.....	720 00

The income of the Company for the year is as follows :

Taxes paid by shareholders.....	\$1462 90
Temporary subscribers.....	385 00
Sale of old papers and books.....	38 53
" " two shares stock.....	50 00
Gift of James T. Rhodes, Esq.....	200 00
" " George A. Hammett, Esq.....	100 00
Income from the Fund.....	837 88
" " Clarke estate.....	1272 50

The disbursements of the past year have unavoidably been larger than those of the previous year. The Library and Reading Room, as above stated, have been newly carpeted, and additional book-cases were called for for the new books presented by Robert H. Ives, Esq., and others. The Clarke estate, when it came into the possession of the Library, required thorough cleaning, and it was found necessary to furnish it, to put it into proper shape for renting. The net income received from this property for the past year, is \$1272 50. This outlay for furniture and furnishing has proved to be a good and profitable investment.

The above outlays were special, and will not be likely to occur again for some time to come. The current expenses of the Library have not varied materially from those of the previous year.

As a means of advancing the interest of the Library, it may be thought advisable to petition the Legislature for power to issue shares, to be designated "Preferred Shares," to be sold for \$100 each, and the purchasers to be exempt from taxation. The proceeds of the sale of these shares are to be expended for the enlargement of the Library, or funded for the purchase of new books. By this means an additional source of revenue might be secured, and the interests of the Library materially advanced.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

GEO. C. MASON,

For the Directors.

APPENDIX.

The following is a List of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, for the year ending Sept. 1, 1866.

Ashhurst, Wm. H., 3 pphs.
Blake, Commodore Geo. S., 1 pph.
Boston, Public Library, 1 pph.
Brookline, Mass., Pub. Library, 1 pph.
Bradford, George, 3 vols.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 2 vols.
Brown, James S., Pawtucket, R. I., 2 vols.
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard College, 1 pph.
Calvert, George H., 1 vol.
Chapin, Joshua B., 1 vol.
Charlestown, Mass., Pub. Library, 1 pph.
Cook, Miss Sarah, 15 vols., 12 pphs.
Cozzens, Wm. C., 1 vol.
Cranston, Wm. H., 1 vol.
Day, Horace H., 1 vol.
Dennis, Wm. L., 2 pphs.
DePeyster, Frederick, New York, 1 vol.
Ford, John R., 18 vols.
Freeborn, Mrs. H., 2 vols, 1 pph.
Gammell, Prof. Wm., 1 vol., 9 pphs.
Gibson, Dr. William, 2 vols.
Gray, Dr. John F., New York, 1 vol., 12 pphs.
Greene, Albert G., 3 pphs.
Hammond, Mrs. Sarah T., 1 pph.
Hammond, Wm. G., 1 vol., 300 pphs.
Hartford, Conn., Young Men's Inst., 1 pph.
Higginson, T. W., 2 vols., 12 pphs.
Hunt, Richard M., 1 vol.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

Ailman, Benj. H.	Brown, Samuel
Allan, Erastus P.	Brownell, Wm.
Allan, Wm. S. N.	Buffum, Thomas B.
Allan, John J.	Bull, Henry
Allen, N. B.	Bush, John T.
Allen, Samuel	Bush, Augustus
Almy, Margarette G.	Butler, Samuel W.
Anderson, Elbert J.	Cahoone, Stephen
Anderson, Martha M.	Callender, Elizabeth
Anthony, Mary	Calvert, George H.
Anthony, Joseph	Carey, John Jr.
Ashhurst, Wm. H.	Carr, Benjamin U.
Atkinson, James	Carter, Robert
Bailey, Joseph I.	Caswell, Albert
Bailey, Samuel C.	Caswell, John R.
Balch, Lewis P. W.	Caswell, Philip
Barber, Charles P.	Chafee, Nathan M.
Barker, Robert S.	Chase, Gilbert
Barreda, F. L.	Chauncey, Henry
Beck, Henry Paul	Child, Wm. S.
Berry, Robert P.	Church, First Baptist
Birckhead, James	Church, Unitarian
Bliss, Wm. H.	Clarke, Harriet
Bowen, George	Clarke, Wm. A.
Bowen, Stephen	Clarke, Wm. M.
Bowler, Wm.	Coe, Adam S.
Bradford, Joseph	Coggeshall, D. M.
Breese, Thomas	Coggeshall, John S.
Breese, Wm. G.	Coggeshall, Thomas
Brinley, Edward L.	Coit, Benj. W.
Bronson, Arthur	Congdon, John C.
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Brown, John Carter	Cornell, Wm.

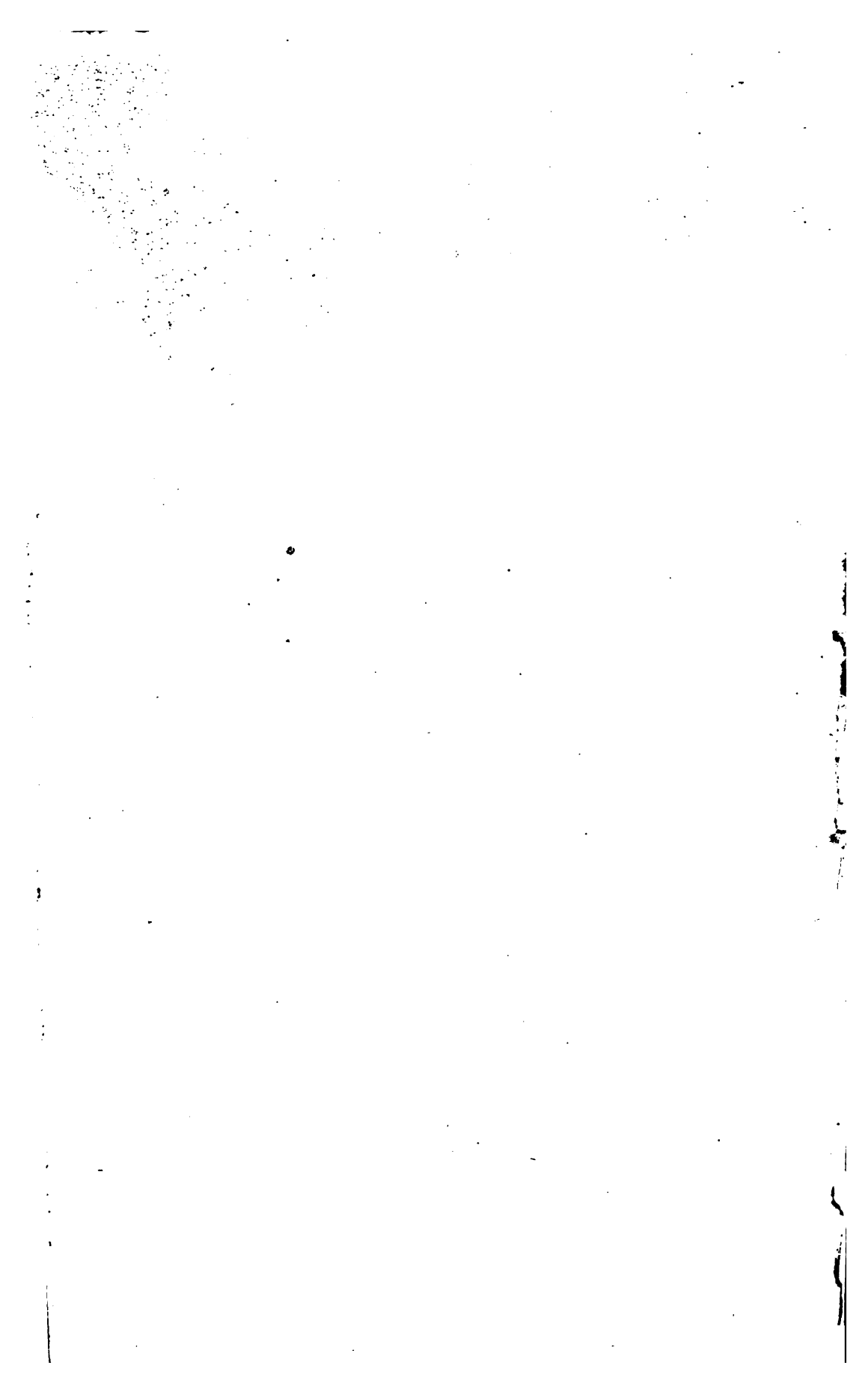
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 Cranston, Wm. H.
 Dame, Jonathan
 Davenport, James C.
 Davis, John W.
 Deblois, John S.
 Dejongh, Amelia C.
 Dennis, John D.
 Doty, John
 Dumont, J. Ludlow
 Dunn, Theophilus C.
 Dunn, Thomas
 Easton, Henry T.
 Eldred, John
 Ellery, George W.
 Engs, John S.
 Engs, Samuel
 Ennis, Caroline W.
 Fay, Henry H.
 Finch, Benjamin
 Fludder, Wm.
 Freeborn, Michael
 Foster, John
 French, Augustus
 Gardner, Harriet
 Gibbes, R. M.
 Gibbs, Wm. C.
 Gilpin, Wm.
 Goffe, Augustus
 Goffe, Eliza T.
 Goffe, Emma
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 Griswold, John N. A.
 Gyles, Charles

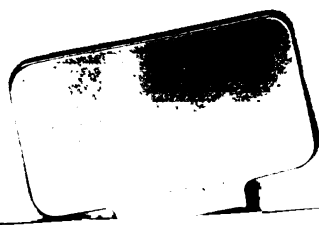
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 Hammett, Robert W.
 Hammond, Lydia B.
 Hammond, Sarah T.
 Hammond, Zenas L.
 Hart, Joseph M.
 Hazard, Benjamin
 Hazard, Benj. of T. G.
 Hazard, Charlotte Thayer
 Hazard, Henry Bond
 Hazard, Isaac P.
 Hazard, George A.
 Hazard, James L.
 Hazard, John Alfred
 Hazard, John A. of T. G.
 Hazard, Rowland R. Jr.
 Hazard, Theophilus D.
 Hazard, Thomas Hull
 Hazard, Thomas R.
 Higginson, Thos. W.
 Hoffman, L. M.
 Hone, Robert S.
 Hoppin, Hamilton
 Hoppin, Thomas T.
 Howland, Benj. B.
 Hunter, Charles
 Hunter, Rebecca
 Hunter, Thomas R.
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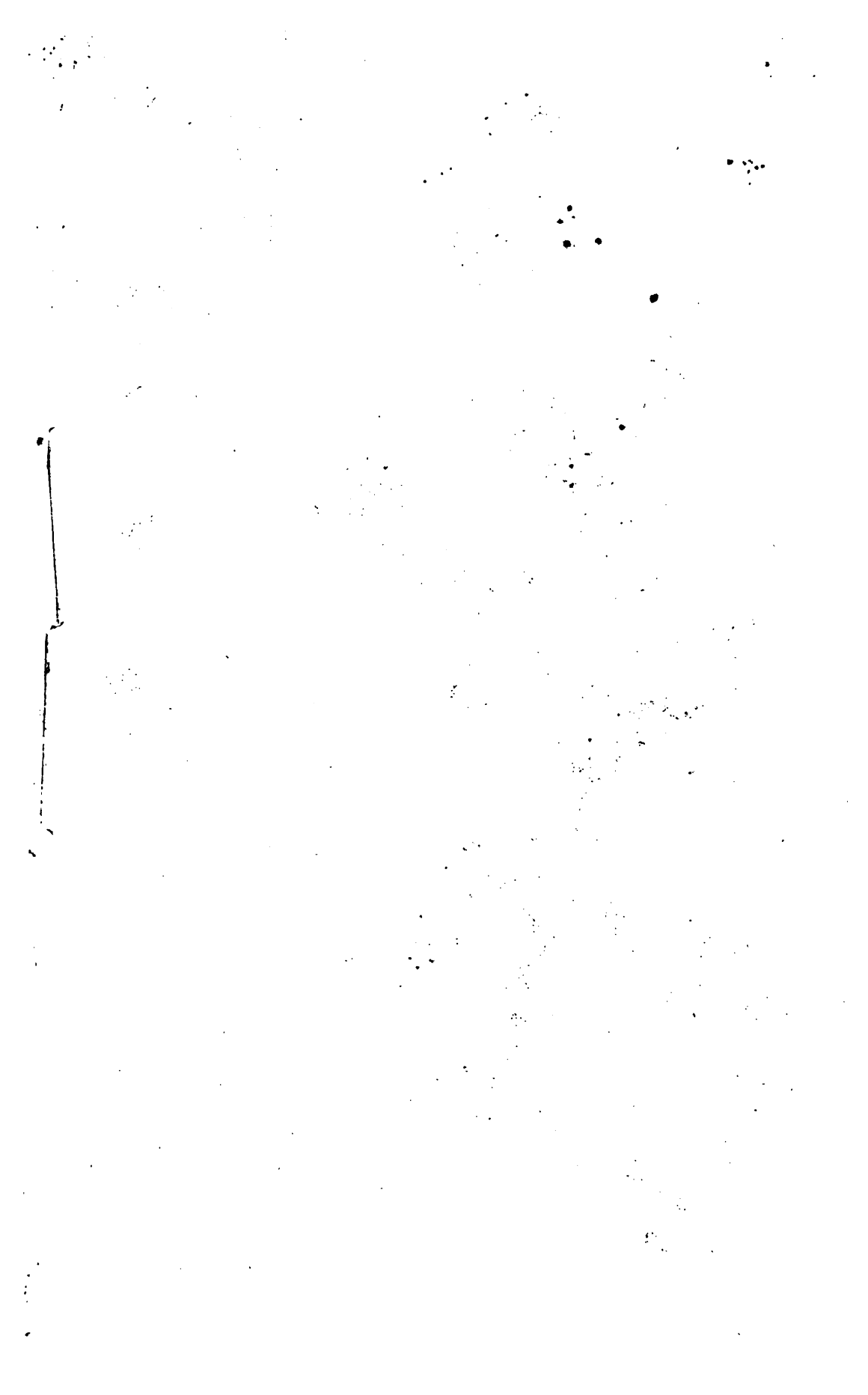
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Lawton, Charles E.	Norman, George H.
Lawton, E. W. Jr.	Norman, Thomas M.
Lawton, Francis	Northam, Stephen T.
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Lawton, Gideon	Ogden, Edward
Ledyard, Henry	Oman, Wm.
LeMont, Mary D.	Paine, John
Lenox, James	Palmer, Albert
Leverett, Wm.	Parkman, George F.
Littlefield, Augustus N.	Parmenter, Henry
Littlefield, Wm.	Peckham, Felix
Lyman, Charles T.	Peckham, Job A.
Lyon, Joseph	Peckham, John O.
Lyon, Joseph M.	Peckham, Mary E.
Maitland, Robert L.	Peckham, Thos. P.
Malcom, Charles H.	Peckham, Wm. G.
Manchester, Russell	Pell, Duncan C.
Marsh, Ivory W. R.	Phinney, Theodore W.
Mason, Benj. A.	Pierrepoint, H. E.
Mason, Earl P.	Pearson, John
Mason, George C.	Pinnegar, David T.
Mason, Robert M.	Popple, George
Mauran, James E.	Porter, Mary
Melville, Benj. S.	Potter, Oliver
Melville, Samuel T.	Pringle, John J.
Mercer, Wm. Newton	Randolph, A. M.
McKaye, James	Ray, Robert
Middleton, Henry A.	Reynolds, Gardner B. Jr.
Mixer, Charles	Rhineland, F. W.
Moffit, Simon	Rhodes, James T.
Mohr, J. H.	Rhoades, Benjamin H.
Moore, Clement C.	Rhoades, Harriet S.
Morgan, Edwin D.	Rider, Philip
Morris, Henry	Riley, Henry C.
Morris, Wistar	Robeson, Andrew
Mumford, Avis C.	Ruggles, Benjamin
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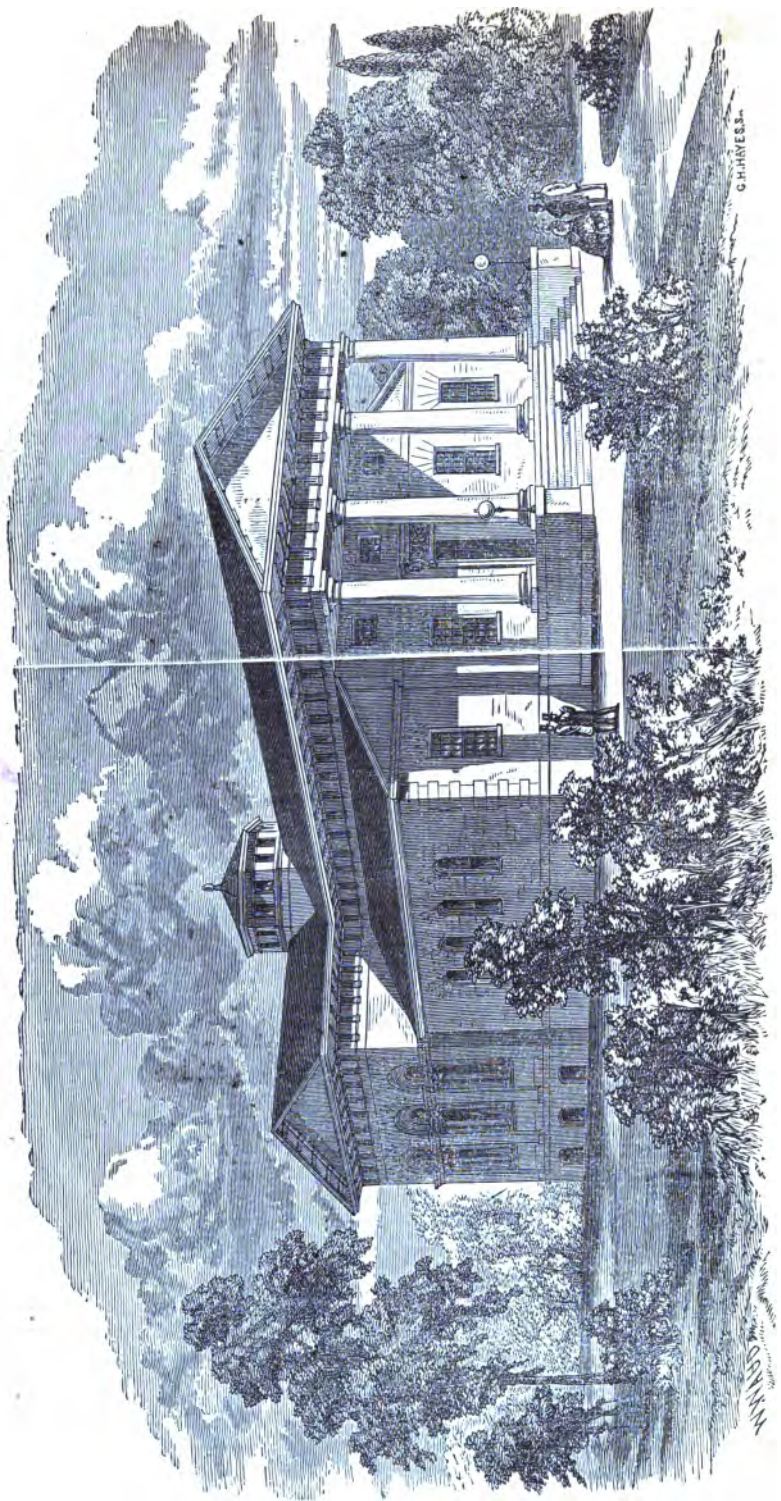
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 Sheffield, Wm. P.
 Simmons, S. Bartlett
 Simmons, Walter B.
 Slocum, Marshall C.
 Smith, Alfred
 Smith, James Y.
 Smith, Wm. H.
 Spencer, Charles A.
 Spencer, Micah W.
 Spooner, W. H. D.
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 Stanhope, Charles L.
 Stanton, Robert H.
 Stedman, Wm. A.
 Stevens, David
 Stevens, Wm.
 Stewart, Anthony
 Sturgis, Robert S.
 Stoddard, John C.
 Stout, Ann Morris
 Swinburne, Daniel T.
 Swinburne, Wm. J.
 Taylor, Abby
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 Thorndike, Sophia
 Thurston, Benj. E.

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 Townsend, John F.
 Turner, Henry E.
 Tweedy, Edmund
 Underwood, Charles W.
 Van Renssellaer, Alex.
 Vaulembrouck, Emile
 Van Zandt, Charles C.
 Vernon, George E.
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 Vernon, William
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 Weaver, Joseph B.
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1867.



NEWPORT:

PRINTED BY JAMES ATKINSON,

1867



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Clerk,
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WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
JOHN T. BUSH,
GEORGE C. MASON,
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On Pictures.

AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE C. MASON,
JOHN T. BUSH,
RICHARD CORNELL.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COMPANY OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
NEWPORT, R. I.,
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1867.

THE Annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 25th, 1867.

At the hour appointed, the Hon. GEORGE G. KING, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows:—

George G. King,
Wm. C. Cozzens,
Robert J. Taylor,
Richard Cornell,
George A. Hammett,
Wm. P. Sheffield,
Samuel Engs,
John T. Bush,

James T. Rhodes,
Benj. H. Rhoades,
Joseph B. Weaver,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.
James E. Mauran,
Wm. P. Congdon,
Daniel T. Swinburne,
A. J. Ward,

Charles T. Brooks,	Wm. A. White,
Charles Howard Malcom,	T. W. Higginson,
Henry E. Turner,	Wm. Fludder,
Duncan C. Pell,	Benjamin Mumford,
John W. Davis,	Felix Peckham,
Henry N. Ward,	James L. Hazard,
William Gilpin.	

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz.:—

Ivory W. R. Marsh,	Wm. P. Slocum,
Robert Carter,	Harley W. Pray,
Mrs. Lydia B. Torrey,	Walter C. Barclay,
Wm. Rogers Taylor,	Thomas Read,
Charles T. Lyman,	Susan O. Hoffman,
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	Stephen H. Norman,
Charles T. Hopkins,	John W. Ladd,
George M. Hazard,	Nathan Matthews,
George Denniston.	

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WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice-President.*

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TREASURER:

GEORGE COZZENS.

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ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

COR. SECRETARY:

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Messrs. C. E. Hammett, Jr., James E. Mauran and Henry H. Fay, were chosen a Committee to examine the Books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

Resolved, That the Directors be instructed to continue in force No. 20 of the Regulations,

Resolved, That notices of future meetings of the Company be advertised in all the papers in the city.

Adjourned:

(Signed,)

R. J. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1867.

The Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, respectfully present their Report for the year ending September 25th, 1867.

The operations of the Institution during the past year furnish assurances of its continued usefulness and gradual advancement. Without any considerable accession to our ordinary means, a regular growth has been maintained; further accumulations of interesting and valuable objects have taken place; increased numbers have participated in the use of the Library and Reading Room; and by many valuable donations we have received gratifying proofs of an undiminished general interest in our welfare.

The record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows:

For the year ending Sept. 1st, 1867,	-	-	12.820
" " " " 1866,	-	-	11.806
Increase,	-	-	1.014
At the date of the last report, the whole number of volumes in the Library was	-	-	14.198
The number of volumes since added is as follows:			
By purchase,	-	-	217
By binding (Periodicals,)	-	-	20
By donation,	-	-	1.153—1.390
Making the whole number now in the Library,	-	-	15.588
Pamphlets presented during the year, 97.			

The amount of funds applied to the purchase of books, though not quite equal to the estimate presented at the last annual meeting, has been larger than usual, and has added to our collection many desirable and important works. It must be ap-

parent, however, that the sum which we have been enabled to expend for this purpose is quite insufficient, as an annual expenditure, to maintain a fit relative increase of permanent standard works, and also, at the same time, to furnish to our readers a reasonable supply of the best current literature, so indispensable to engage and retain their active interest. Even if we can continue in future years, to make an equal appropriation for this object, we shall probably find it becoming still more insufficient for our wants, especially in view of the increasing number of works annually produced, and attracting the public interest. Indeed, the same amount of appropriation must naturally prove regularly less and less effective. Expenses of a character not contributing to the enlargement of the Library, but only to the equally necessary and indeed indispensable object of its preservation, will always regularly advance in proportion, at least, to its growth; so that a large and increasing Library, like ours, must, by the very process of its extension, gradually encroach upon, and finally absorb in necessary expenditures for its care and preservation alone, the whole of any stated limited sum annually applied to it. In former Reports we have alluded to the increased ratio of expenditure required for the general management of the Institution under its present organization, and we have reason to expect, in the greater development hereafter of its other literary objects, further uses for our resources, that may divert from the Library a portion of the funds now devoted to it.

The pressure of accumulating expenses attendant upon rapid development is not an experience peculiar to ourselves, but is being felt and realized as a usual result to be met and provided for, in all the growing literary associations of the country. It seems indeed to be the necessary effect of improving fortunes to create, or make apparent, new wants at each successive stage of advancement. This Institution has greatly increased indeed, in recent times; but its growth has not been regular and uniform in all its parts, and from the nature of things, it never can be. Some of its objects or departments will always be a little more or less advanced than others, bringing into notice

partial deficiencies; and we are thus made to experience continually an urgency for new expenditures, in order to preserve all the departments in a due proportionate development. At one time our edifice afforded ample accommodations for our various uses; at other times it has been, as it is now, inconveniently crowded.

While this irregular growth is to be expected, and various avenues of improvement are of necessity opened to our view, and justly engage our care, the efficiency and usefulness of the Institution would seem to be best maintained by a vigorous support of the Library, as its most active element. In recent years, the appropriation for the Library (in addition to the small sum fixed by the charter) has consisted only of that share of our funds, not needed for the other uses of the Institution. It has therefore been comparatively both inconsiderable and fluctuating, bearing but a small proportion to the amount applied to our other ordinary expenses and liable to be reduced, or it may be entirely exhausted by unforeseen demands, which we are obliged to meet, and which inevitably arise in the course of our experience from year to year. Under such a system, a regular and ample increase of the Library by our present resources cannot be attained; and we can only hope to place it on a liberal basis and secure for it a support independent of the accidental fluctuations to which it is now liable, by the establishment of a specific Library fund, the proceeds of which shall be specially devoted to its exclusive use. We trust that the new issue of Shares, authorized by the Company at its meeting in June last, and the measures taken by the Directors for their disposal, may prove an efficient step for the accomplishment of this desirable result.

The donations for the year have been considerable in number and value; a complete list of the same is appended to this report.

We have received from the U. S. Departments of State, and the Interior, and from the Congress Library, U. S. Coast Survey, and Naval Observatory, many valuable national publications; including a set of Congressional Documents for the year—Re-

port of Coast Survey—Astronomical and Meteorological Observations for 1864—the works of Madison, &c. The publications of the Smithsonian Institute, have also been continued to us. From Frederick W. Rhineland, Esq., we have received several hundred volumes, many of them of much interest and rarity. We should also particularly acknowledge donations from Hon. E. D. Morgan, Hon. T. A. Jencks, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, and Henry Ledyard, Esq. Several of our donors deserve special thanks for their favors in continuance of those of former years. From Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, and Hon. G. H. Calvert, we have received works written or edited by them respectively.

Among the miscellaneous donations received, are two large plaster Busts—one of Chief Justice S. P. Chase, presented by C. H. Russell, Esq., and the other of President Taylor, presented by Messrs. M. G. and P. A. Post,—also an engraved portrait of General Gates, from Dr. H. E. Turner.

The valuable model in cork of the Roman Coliseum, with the glass case containing it, and the antique table on which it stands, was presented by Hon. W. C. Gibbs, administrator of the estate of Miss Sarah Gibbs. Added to this donation were models of fragments of two Roman Temples. By the care of the administrator, we were enabled to obtain from the same estate, a similar model of the Arch of Constantine, with glass case and table.

We have received from Mrs. Martha Littlefield, besides several volumes of books, a donation of peculiar interest, consisting of a large collection of Shells, scientifically arranged, and comprehending both native and foreign specimens. This gift was accompanied by the further donation of one hundred dollars, to be used in the purchase of a suitable case for the convenient arrangement and display of the collection. This is our first considerable acquisition of this description. As connected with the donor, it is the result of much careful and prolonged research, which we trust may find a reward in the assurance that, in our hands, it will become a contribution in aid of other similar enquirers. It is peculiarly valuable to us, as furnishing

materials for the methodical investigation of a department of nature, to the study of which we are specially invited by our own locality; and by encouraging the collection and classification of the specimens found here, will prove a step towards illustrating the Natural History of our Island.

As a mark of respect to a distinguished benefactor of this Institution, and to retain his likeness permanently present here, we have procured the portrait of Dr. William J. Walker, painted by H. C. Pratt, of Boston, and have had it framed and placed on our walls with a suitable inscription.

At the last annual meeting the Directors were empowered to make application to the General Assembly, for certain amendments to the charter, and especially for authority to issue a new class of shares, of the par value of \$100, exempted from taxation; and on their petition, the General Assembly, at its January Session, 1867, passed the following act, in amendment of the charter, providing for the issue of new Shares, and also for an increase in the number of Directors, viz :

"AN ACT in addition to the Charter of the Redwood LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SEC. 1.—The Redwood Library and Athenæum, in Newport, are hereby authorized in their discretion, to issue any number of Shares in said Library, not exceeding one hundred, at the par value of \$100,—the proceeds of which shares, shall be funded, and the annual income thereof, be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall, however, be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

SEC. 2.—The Board of Directors of said corporation, may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five."

At a special meeting of the Company, subsequently called, the aforesaid amendment was unanimously accepted, and the same became a part of the charter.

In further action under said amendment, the following named gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors, in addition to the previous number, viz :—William A. Clarke, Robert J. Taylor, Samuel Engs, George A. Hammett, Henry Ledyard, and James T. Rhodes.

At the same meeting, as a measure towards the disposal of the aforesaid newly created Shares, the Directors were empowered to issue, from time to time, any number of the said

Shares authorized by the foregoing amendment. In the execution of this duty, they have prescribed a form of certificate, and have adopted such other measures as seemed to them most likely to promote the disposal of the Special Shares, or new stock, above created. By the terms of the amendment, the proceeds of the said shares, are to be funded, and the annual income thereof, applied to the uses of the Library. If successful in effecting the sale of the whole number of shares of this class, an important object will be accomplished, and especially, the Library will be placed on the permanent foundation so much desired, and as previously suggested, so indispensable to assure its regular growth.

The Directors have further aimed to preserve the Institution in regular and healthy action, by enforcing the forfeiture, for unpaid taxes, of the shares of delinquent proprietors. They have also authorized the purchase of shares in the company, when offered much below their real value.

Besides attention to ordinary repairs, we have deemed it expedient to purchase another furnace, which was much needed for the general heating of the building, and to promote the comfort of readers and others in daily attendance. We have also directed, and in part had completed, the painting of the fence, and of the exterior of the Library building, where most worn and defaced.

The Treasurer's Report, annexed, will exhibit the entire financial condition of the company. The following abstract from the same, shows the particular items of Expenditure, and Income, for the past year.

EXPENDITURES:

New Books purchased.....	\$481.80
Works of Art	283.00
Reviews, Periodicals, and Newspapers.....	316.05
Binding Account.....	119.95
Printing.....	68.25
Salaries	1093.74
Lighting Rooms	255.52
Fuel	117.40
New Furnace ..	212.85
City Tax.....	192.00
Insurance and Interest.....	3

Painting Fence.....	165.25
Incidental.....	154.04
Additional Furniture for Clarke House.....	431.13
Repairs and Expenses on “.....	264.45
Interest on Mortgage, on “.....	772.07

INCOME:

Taxes paid by Shareholders.....	1432.75
Temporary Subscribers.....	320.00
Sale of Old Books and Papers.....	71
“ Seven Shares of Stock.....	175.00
Gift of George A. Hammett, Esq.....	100.00
“ Mrs. Wm. Littlefield, to furnish Case for Shells	100.09
Income from the Fund.....	730.00
“ “ Clarke Estate.....	1400.00
Sale of two Shares “Special Stock,”.....	200.00

It will be seen that the disbursements for the year have exceeded our income. Some of these expenditures have been for special objects that will not require attention during the next year,—as for instance, the Furnace, Painting, &c. They, nevertheless, fall within a class of expenses that are perpetually recurring, and, as applied to similar objects, are likely to appear every year, so that they may well be denominated ordinary expenses, which our current income should be sufficient to meet, and must meet, if we expect to preserve unimpaired, our invested funds. This deficiency of income for our current expenses has been experienced for many years, and should no longer be permitted. To provide for this difficulty, and to enable us to continue our present liberal arrangements, we have thought it advisable that the annual tax be increased, and accordingly, we recommend that the sum of six dollars (\$6,) be assessed on each Share, as the tax for the next year.

All which is respectfully submitted by

GEO. G. KING,

For the Directors.

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NEWPORT, Sept. 24th, 1867.

GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer.

MEMORANDUM OF PROPERTY ON HAND.

counts, have attended to that duty, and find the same correct and properly vouched for.	Balance above account,.....	\$198 19
	U. S. Bonds, this date,.....	10,186 00
	Investment for payments towards Clarke Estate and Furniture.....	5,746 35
		<u>\$16,130 54</u>
	Less note due at Bank,	500 00
		<u>\$15,630 54</u>
	Total:	

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 24th, 1867.

APPENDIX.

The following is a List of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, for the year ending Oct. 11th, 1867 :

- Am. Unitarian Association. Monthly Journal, continued.
Anonymous, 1 vol.
Boston, Mercantile Library Association, 1 pph.
 " Public Library, 1 vol. 1 pph.
Brooks, Rev. Chs. T., 16 vols. 1 pph., Photog'. and Curiosities from Rome.
Bross, Hon. Wm. B., Chicago, 3 pphs.
Buffum, Thos. B., 1 vol.
Butler, Dr. S. W., 1 vol.
Cambridge, Mass., Harvard College, 2 vols, 1 pph.
Calvert, George H., 2 vols.
Caswell, Prof. A., 1 vol.
Clarke, Rev. James F., 1 vol.
Cook, Miss Sarah, 2 vols.
Francis, Dr. Samuel W., 3 vols. 1 pph.
Gibbs, Gov. Wm. C., model in cork of Roman Coliseum, and Arch of Constantine.
Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott, 34 vols.
Greene, Mrs. B. D., 1 vol.
Hammond, Mrs. Sarah T., 1 vol.
Hammond, Wm. G., (Iowa,) "Western Jurist," continued.
Hammett, George A. \$100, (one hundred dollars.)
Hartford, Conn., Young Men's Inst., 1 pph.
Hazard, Mrs. B., 1 vol.
Home Journal, New York, Morris Phillips, cont'd.

- Hunter, Hon. Wm. Washington, 10 vols. 1 pph.
 Ledyard, Henry, 391 vols.
 Lane, Frederick, 1 vol.
 Lafarge, John, 12 vols, 22 pphs.
 Lenox, James, Hist. Mag., continued.
 Morgan, Hon. Edwin D., 11 vols.
 Malcom, Rev. C. H. 3 vols., 5 pphs.
 Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
 Mauran, Dr. Joseph, Providence, 5. vols.
 Mixter, Mrs. Charles, 3 vols.
 Moffit, Simon, 40 Photographs of Indianá.
 Newport, City, 1 vol.
 New York, Merc. Library Association, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 " Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
 Parish, Miss Margaret K., 14 vols.
 Peckham, C. B., 3 vols.
 Post, Morgan G., and Philip A., large Bust of President Zachary Taylor.
 Powel, Samuel, 1 vol., and 3 pphs.
 Providence, Athenæum, 1 pph.
 " City, 1 vol.
 Rhode Island, State, 1 vol.
 Rhoades, Mrs. B. H., Engraving of Hon. Tristram Burges.
 Russell, Charles H., 2 vols., 38 pphs., and large Bust of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase.
 Sears, Hon. David, 20 vols.
 Salem, Ms., Essex Inst., Hist. Col., continued.
 Schroeder, Henry, 9 vols.
 Smithsonian Inst., Washington, 4 vols.
 Snelling, George H., 1 pph.
 Turner, Dr. H. E., engraving of General Gates,
 Thorndike, George Q., 6 vols.
 Townsend, Miss Ellen, 1 vol., engraving of Gov. Burnside, and African Repository, continued.
 Tuckerman, Henry T., 1 vol.
 United States, Cong. Library, 4 vols. 4 pphs.
 " Dep't. Agriculture, 3 vols.
 " Dep't. Interior, 105 vols.
 " Dep't. State, 10 vols.

United States, Sanitary Commission, 5 vols.

" Per Hon. T. A. Jencks, 12 vols., 4 pphs.

" Naval Observatory, 1 vol.

Utter, G. B., & J. H., (Westerly, R. I.,) Narragansett Weekly
continued.

Van Zandt, Hon. C. C., 3 vols.

Waring, Col. George E., 1 vol.

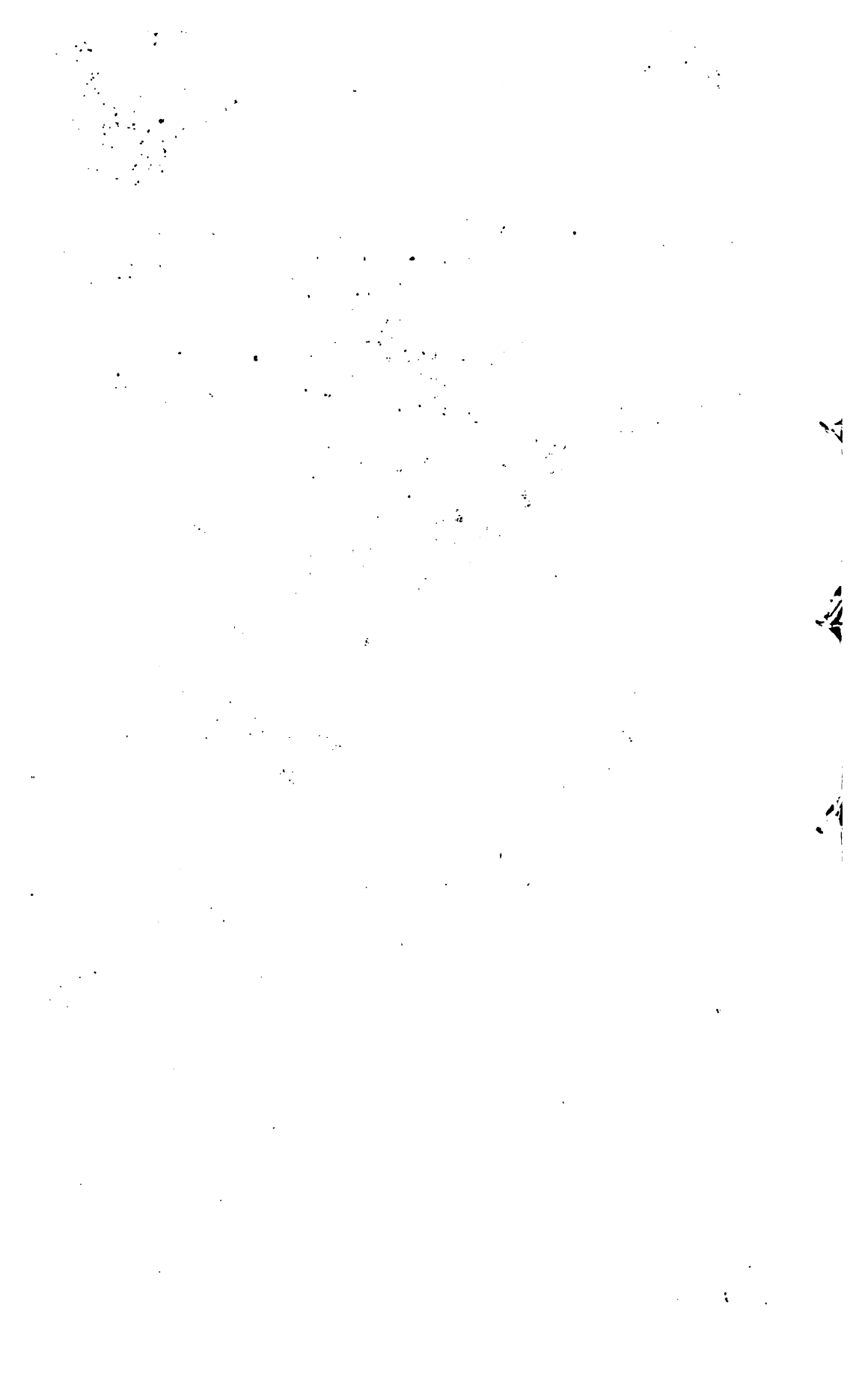
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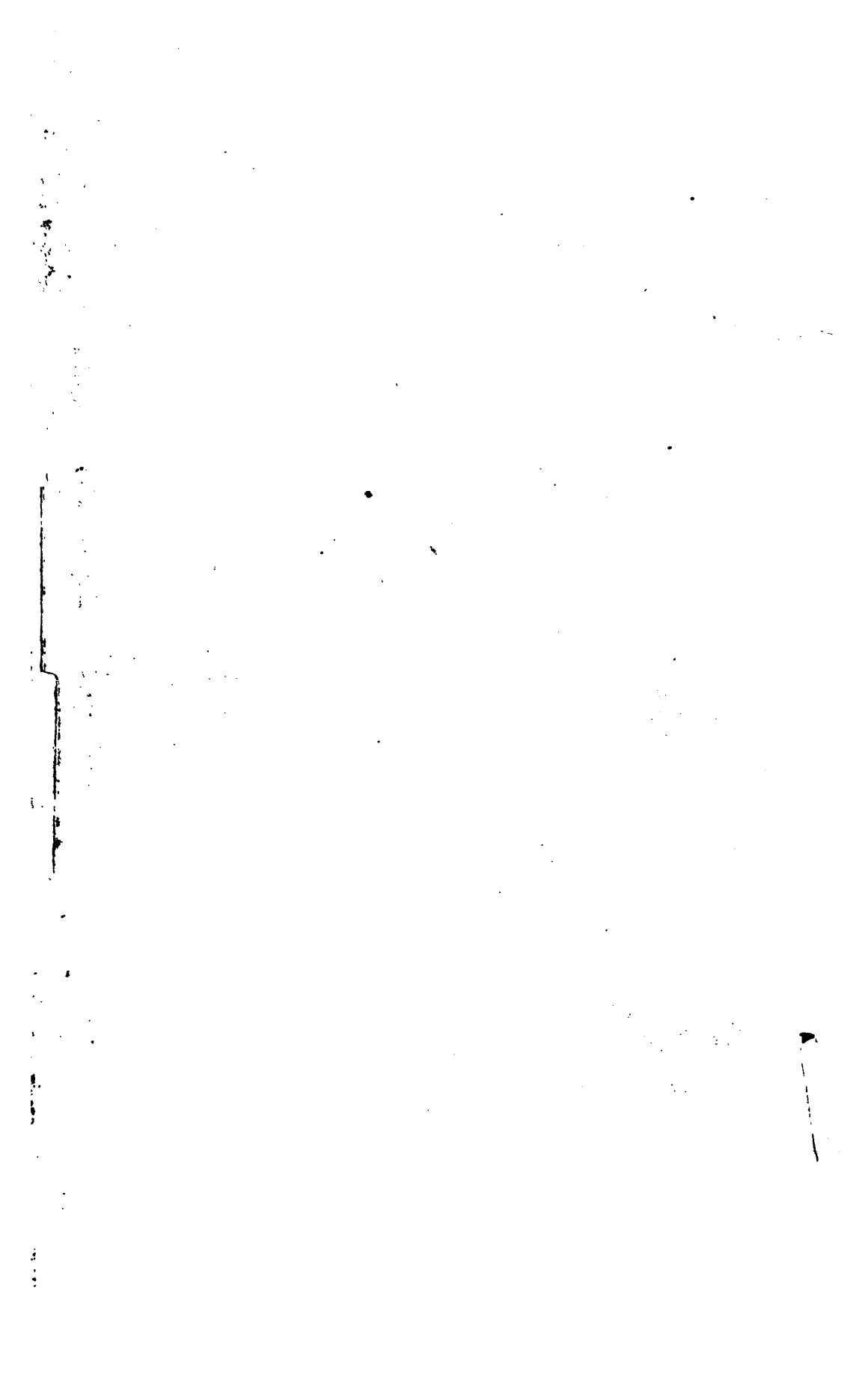
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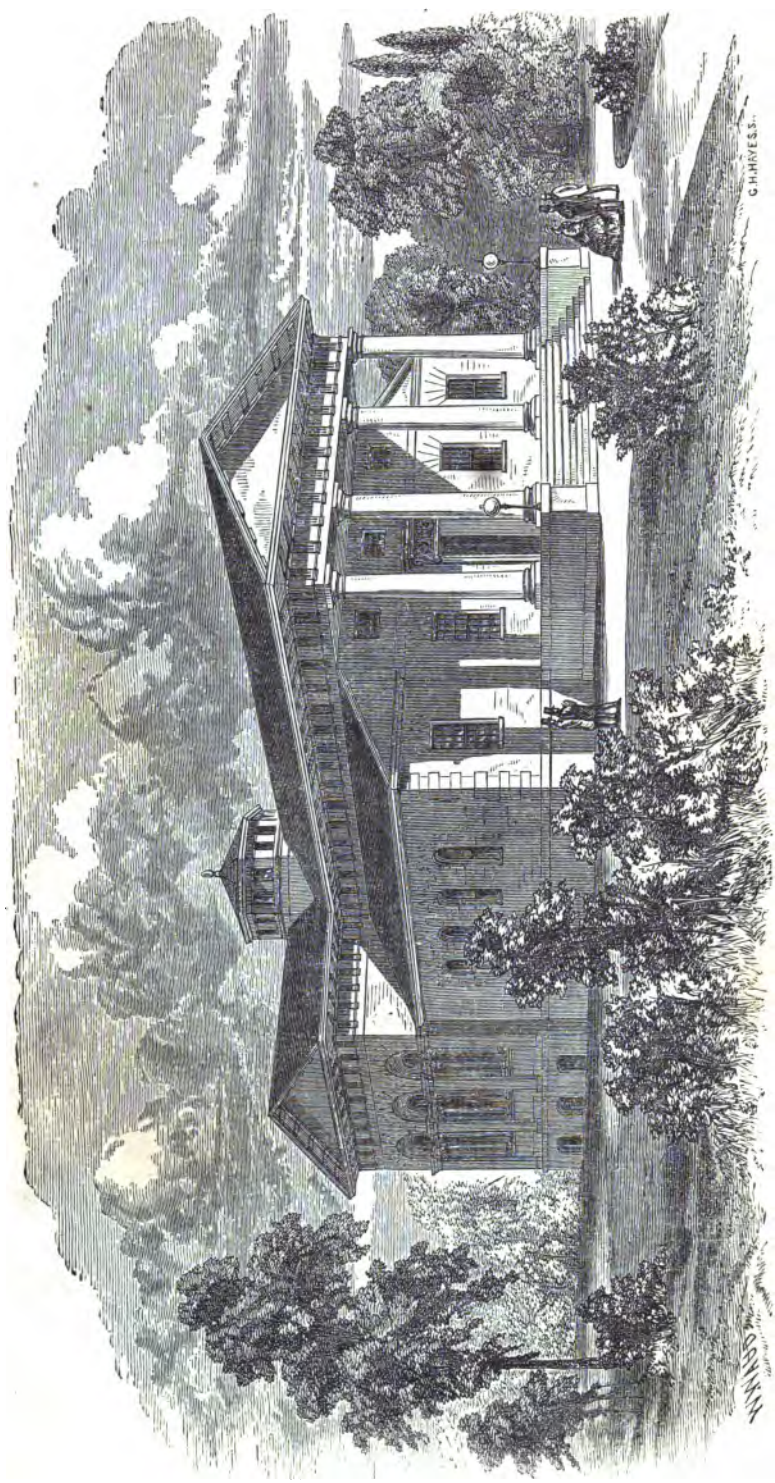
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Wormeley, Miss K. P., 11 vols.

Wright, H. Allen, 24 vols.







ANNUAL REPORT

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NEWPORT, R. I.,

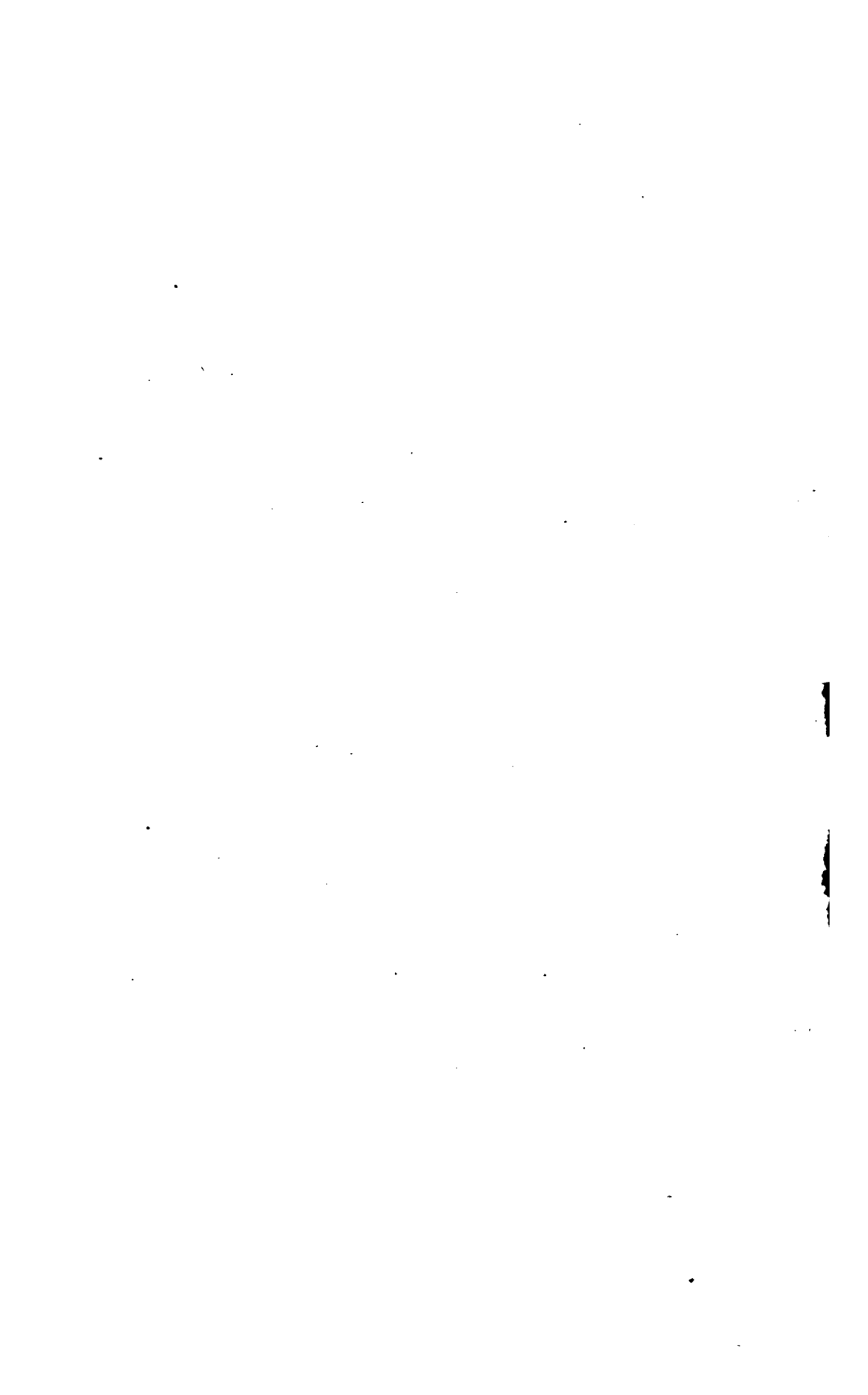
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1868.



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1868-9.

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Vice-President,

WILLIAM C. COZZENS.

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Treasurer,

GEORGE COZZENS,

Secretary,

ROBERT J. TAYLOR.

Corresponding and Assistant Secretary,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

Clerk,

THEODORE F. READ.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received, and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account was read, received, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors was presented and read by the President, Hon. GEORGE G. KING, ordered to be recorded, and published in pamphlet form.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

GEORGE G. KING, *President.*

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice-President.*

DIRECTORS :

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Voted, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

The annexed REPORT of the FINANCE COMMITTEE was then read, received, and ordered to be printed:—

To the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum:—

The Finance Committee, according to their custom, beg leave to present the following estimate of the anticipated income of the Institution for the ensuing year, together with the estimate of probable expenses:—

RECEIPTS.	
On 300 paying shares.....	\$1,500
Temporary subscriptions....	300
Income from Clarke estate	1,200
Income from special shares.....	28
	<hr/> \$3,028
EXPENDITURES.	
Salary of Librarian	\$1,000
Salary of Assistant.....	200
Fuel.....	140
Lighting rooms.....	210
City tax.....	190
Advertising and printing	100
Incidental.....	200
Clarke estate.....	200
Reviews and periodicals.....	210
Binding.....	300
Leaving for purchase of books	278
	<hr/> \$3,028
Respectfully submitted by	
WILLIAM C. COZZENS,	
<i>In behalf of the Committee.</i>	

The REPORT of the COMMITTEE on ENLARGEMENT, with Mr. Hoppin's communications on the same subject, were read and ordered to be printed.

The following resolutions were read and passed:—

Resolved, That this Corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, architect, for proposed improvements to the Library, (as presented by the Board of Directors,) and referred to this meeting.

Resolved, That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds by subscription or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation as may be necessary.

A letter from Dr. King, respecting certain Portraits, was read and referred to the Directors.

Adjourned:

ROBERT J. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1868.

The Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY and ATHENÆUM respectfully present their Report, for the year ending September 30th, 1868.

The operations of the Institution, for the past year, have been attended with the usual advantageous results, and will fully appear in the particular statements herein presented. While, however, the benefits received have been as ample as our present arrangements are fitted to afford, it is apparent that, with increased means and accommodations, we should exert a much larger share of influence. The advance which has already been attained must continually suggest the idea of further improvements, both for the convenient disposition and the more effective application of the materials at present in our possession. More room is needed for our various objects, and more ample and specific accommodations than those now afforded, are required for the convenient working of the several departments; and until this want is supplied, it will be the duty of those entrusted with the management of the Institution to accompany their annual statements (however satisfactory they may be in view of the means at command), with urgent representations of the necessity of further efforts to acquire increased developement and capacity for usefulness.

In the course of this Report the objects most needed, at this time, will be suggested, in the hope that they may receive an active approval and support.

The record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows:—

For the year ending Sept. 1, 1868.....	11,751
“ “ “ “ 1867.....	12,820
Decrease	1,069
At the date of the last Report, the whole number of volumes in the Library was.....	15,588
The number of volumes since added is as follows :	
By purchase	125
By binding (periodicals).....	89
By donation.....	214
	428
Making the whole number now in the Library.....	16,016
Pamphlets presented during the year, 70.	

A list of the donations, for the year, is appended to this Report.

We have gratefully to acknowledge, as in previous years, the receipt of publications of Congress and several public departments; also, of the Naval Observatory and of the Smithsonian Institution. Our acknowledgments are due to the Hon. H. B. Anthony and the Hon. T. A. Jenckes, for volumes presented by them; and especially to the Hon. William Hunter, Assistant Secretary of State, for his repeated and regular attentions in our behalf. From the Hon. John R. Bartlett, we have received publications of the State of Rhode Island, and a nearly complete series of United States Executive and Congressional Documents, from 1796 to 1837, &c.

From the Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., we have received, in continuation, vol. 1 of the 2d series of their collections; and from Mrs. C. R. Williams and John Alexander Ferris, volumes of which they are respectively the authors. Among the individual donors whose friendly interest, exhibited by previous donations, has been again manifested, we have gratefully to mention the Hon. William C. Gibbs, the donor of some valuable maps; David Sears, Esq., the donor of several volumes in continuation of sets previously commenced, and Henry Ledyard, Esq., who, besides other volumes, has presented the interesting and elaborate work of H. R. Schoolcraft, on the "History, Condition and Prospects of the Indian Tribes of the

United States," in 5 vols. 4to. In this class of donations we have also to name those from Miss K. P. Wormeley, Hon. Duncan C. Pell, Sidney Brooks and George H. Calvert, Esqrs., and the Rev. C. T. Brooks.

The donations, for the year, comprise many volumes of current literature, the kind of reading for which the demand is greatest. In general, however, they consist of works of an earlier date and perhaps of a more permanent character. But in all their various descriptions, they are valuable additions, and, with others similar, are to be regarded as a needed acquisition, in order to advance the several departments of our Library towards completion. The value of our collection, for those who are to derive their culture from it, will depend on the number of good works, in all departments, which it may contain; and even those who desire to investigate only a single subject, will require equal completeness within the sphere of their researches; since no subject can be thoroughly studied without an examination of all the leading authors who have written upon it. With scarcely an exception, therefore, all the volumes in the Library, even those not desired for circulation, and whether of earlier or later date, or belonging to the extensive class of books of reference or not, will be found serviceable and important, sometimes for occasional and often for more special consultation; and their continued accumulation, to an indefinite extent, must add greatly to the utility and interest of the Library. Those who have visited foreign Libraries, composed, in a great measure, of works that may be considered obsolete, or, in part, superseded by those of later date, will fully attest the strong impression, and even the popular effect and interest, elicited by the display of these multiplied productions of the press, which have been gradually acquired as the Library has grown up, and which prove memorials alike of its own onward course and of human progress. Though not attracting prolonged attention from any but those whose convenience or special pursuit favors or necessitates their use, they, nevertheless, make an essential part of a perfect Library. Many of these works can never be

still further towards perfection. Even if we should wish no change in the dimensions or architectural style of our present building, we must at least look to its transition, finally, into more lasting materials; and a desired object, which we may hope to realize in the future, will be an edifice to contain our collections, of much greater extent, and which, in whole or in part, by the use of new materials or modes of construction, shall be secure from fire and other injuries to which we are now exposed. Especially should we provide for the permanent character of any new work now to be undertaken; and in planning any such addition as is proposed, it would seem advisable that its design should have reference, both in its location and in its general style and proportions, to an entire and durable structure, such as may be ultimately required, and, in the process of time, erected for our purposes. Our present study will be, if possible, to harmonize with our existing arrangements the improvement at present contemplated, and also to establish it as a permanent part of such a complete structure, as we have supposed, in brick or stone. We shall thereby avoid the great loss, as well as inconvenience of destroying existing and costly work for this and other enlargements, and, at the same time, we hold up to view that idea of further improvement which is so generally a first step towards its attainment.

The subject of providing for the enlargement of our edifice has been long under consideration, and, soon after the last annual meeting, was referred to a committee of the Directors, who have devoted much time and attention to it. They consulted with an experienced and accomplished architect (Richard M. Hunt, Esq.), and obtained from him a plan for an addition to our present edifice, which met their wishes, and corresponds, in its general idea, to the views before expressed. The addition is presented in the plan, both as complete in itself, and susceptible of a separate or independent construction, and also as a part of an entire and extended structure of corresponding style and proportions, the other divisions or sections of which may be developed, from time to time hereafter, as

needed. A copy of the plan with the accompanying drawings has been deposited in the Library, during several weeks, for the examination of the members, and is now before you. The Report of the Committee, communicating the plan and explanatory thereof, presented to the Directors at a late regular meeting, was then received and referred for consideration to a subsequent special meeting, at which, after further explanations and examination, it was voted "that the plan of Mr. Hunt, as reported by the Committee, be adopted, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Corporation at their annual meeting."

The before mentioned report of the Committee, by Mr. Charles H. Russell, chairman, and also two communications of Mr. H. Hoppin, a member thereof, are herewith submitted, and will give further explanations of the objects arrived at in the plan of enlargement to be considered.

It is now for the Company to decide upon the expediency of the projected improvement as thus presented, and, in case of their approval, upon the time and conditions of commencing the particular division or section now proposed. In thus laying the subject before you, in a definite and convenient shape for early action, the Directors have performed a duty which seemed incumbent on them, in view of our present necessities.

During the year but a small amount has been expended for repairs to the Library estate. In consequence of a new grading of Redwood street, and on the offer of some parties there interested to bear the expense, we authorized a change in the line of the fence on that street, and its removal a foot and a half southwardly.

The Clarke estate, for which only a part of the purchase money had been paid at the time of our last report, has since then been relieved from the mortgage upon it; and it is now the unencumbered property of the Company. To effect this result, we were obliged to dispose of the United States bonds on hand, from the proceeds of which nearly the amount required was realized. As the mortgage debt was a fixed responsibility, which our income was inadequate to discharge, or even sensibly to diminish, and as it left us subject to what

might be an unseasonable demand, we deemed it the wisest policy to pay the debt when it was convenient to do so. The property of the Company, besides the Library edifice and the collections contained in it, is now invested in the above named estate. The Company is still indebted in about the sum of \$1,000. Of this, \$212.91 is the amount which was required, in addition to the proceeds of the United States bonds, for the discharge of the mortgage; \$300 is due the special share fund; and \$500 remaining is for money previously hired at bank for some special uses.

The annexed report of the Treasurer will exhibit the financial condition of the Company. The following abstract from it shows the particular items of expenditure and income for the past year, classified under their appropriate heads. The ordinary expenditures have fallen short of those of the two preceding years.

EXPENDITURES.

New books purchased.....	\$307 53
Reviews, periodicals and newspapers.....	204 95*
Binding account.....	307 01
Printing.....	99 00
Salaries.....	1,191 33
Lighting rooms.....	211 12
Fuel.....	135 30
City tax.....	183 60
Insurance and interest.....	48 23
Incidental.....	361 15
Additional furniture for Clarke house.....	220 26
Repairs and expenses to do.....	284 53
Interest on mortgage, do.....	857 91
Commissions for renting do.....	70 00

INCOME.

Taxes paid by shareholders.....	\$1,535 00
Temporary subscribers.....	300 00
Sale of old books, papers, &c.....	6 37
Income from United States bonds, before being sold.....	889 68
Income from Clarke estate.....	1,350 00
Sale of one share "special stock".....	100 00
Sale of picture.....	103 50

The Directors have endeavored to keep the expenses within proper limits. To this end they revised and reduced the list of periodicals, and in other ways have sought to prevent unnecessary expenditures. A large part of the cost of mana-

ging the Institution, under its present system, is of a permanent character, and is absolutely required to maintain its proper influence. To secure the Institution in its present position, and to promote its reasonable advancement in the future, all that is needed is the continued extension towards it, by its friends, of the same interest and liberality that have been manifested in the past.

All which is respectfully submitted by

GEORGE G. KING,

For the Directors.

MR. RUSSELL'S REPORT ON ENLARGEMENT.

MR. CHARLES H. RUSSELL, from the Committee to which had been referred, on the 11th of November last, the matter of obtaining designs for an enlargement of the library building, stated to the Board that the Committee had since given much time and careful consideration to the subject, not only as regarded the necessity of providing for the immediate wants, by a new building to be connected with the present edifice, but to the probable necessity of enlarged and greatly improved accommodations for this popular Institution in future times.

Keeping this in mind, the Committee had caused to be prepared, by an eminent architect, RICHARD M. HUNT, a set of plans, which combine the views of the Committee, and which they have now the pleasure of presenting for the consideration and adoption of the Directors, who, on examining them, will perceive that the idea presented is, *first*, to erect upon the library lot, at the south-east corner of the reading room, joined thereto, and in harmony with its architecture, a building of solid material and of ample dimensions, for the purposes of a gallery for pictures, statuary and other works of art, followed hereafter by successive additions, to be proceeded with as the means of the Company and its ability to so appropriate them are increased,

until an entirely new and enlarged structure of stone and marble shall take the place of the existing wooden erections.

The plans embracing these objects, and forming a complete design of the finished work when the whole is carried out, are hereby submitted, together with a statement of the probable cost of the initiatory building, which, constructed with a white marble front, and with side and rear walls of brick, the architect estimates at about twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENLARGEMENT.

Mr. HOPPIN, with the concurrence of the Committee, presented the following supplementary report, sustaining the report made by Mr. Russell, Chairman of the Committee on Enlargement, at the meeting of the Board on the 14th instant.

REPORT.

The plans designed by Mr. Richard M. Hunt, for the Redwood Library, were not gotten up without careful consideration.

The possible increase of the Institution to something of more than local importance, and its gradual change of character from its being simply a *Library*, to that of a *Library and Museum for the collection and preservation of Works of Art and Historical Relics*, which would give the Institution a name throughout the State, and, perhaps, the United States, induced the Committee to suggest to the architect the preparation of a design which would cover every anticipated contingency, and, at the same time, be so arranged that any one portion of it might be erected to cover a present emergency without its cost being as so much money thrown away on a temporary construction. In short, the problem before the Committee on Enlargement was a plan which would not only serve the purposes of a present need, but in its several additions continue to meet the

requirements of the future, when the Association shall have become the repository of more valuable treasures and endowed with ampler funds.

The plan presented embraces all the essential features of the present building, and the original design has been as nearly as possible adhered to. (It would appear, either from early association or some peculiar sentiment which attaches to it, that something like the design of the present building would be the one most acceptable to the Company and the public.) The plan, then, keeping in view the prominent characteristics of the original idea, has in its enlargement only followed strictly the laws of architectural symmetry.

It becomes of importance that *a certain general plan* shall be first determined upon, then, as funds increase or space is required, one portion after another may be erected, each symmetrical in itself and in harmony with the general whole, until, at some future day, the entire plan may be carried out to its completeness.

NEWPORT, Sept. 28, 1868.

Mr. HAMILTON HOPKINS, in another communication, also expressed more fully his individual views on the subject under consideration.

In presenting the foregoing as the report of the Committee, I am impelled to add a few reflections which forcibly present themselves to my mind at the moment.

Shall the "REDWOOD LIBRARY" remain stationary, or is it to be a progressive Institution?

Why may not a great library and museum grow up from our present Institution, established as it already is, and possessing in its locality so many favorable elements for the development of science and art?

These are questions not irrelevant to the subject before us.

Newport has become a sort of *centre* of America. Repre-

sentative men from almost every section of the United States—and this is a feature entirely peculiar to Newport—have erected here costly dwellings, in which they reside from one-third to one-half of the months of the year. To these beautiful summer homes other residents of those several distant localities are accustomed to come as visitors, and are entertained by being shown what is best worth seeing in and about the city. These, in their turn, attracted by our climate and the social advantages presented to them, become interested in the place, and, as a consequence, in its institutions—witness the many valuable donations in books and works of art already given and offered to the Redwood Library, by strangers, who, previously to their sojourn here, had no knowledge of its existence—and frequently end in erecting residences for themselves here; thus, year by year, increasing our population and adding to our wealth, and in this way the *distinctive characteristics* of each section of the country become, as it were, *centralized*, enabling the intelligent foreigner, who may visit us, to find at *Newport alone, of any other city of the United States, the finest type of the American, i. e., the cultivated scholar; the enterprising merchant; the refined citizen.* Where, then, could a grand library and museum find a fitter location and more congenial atmosphere for its developement?

As a fitting corollary to the foregoing remarks, permit me to make brief allusion to a prominent institution in the Old World, which presents in all its magnificent results an encouragement to our Association, which has already taken its initiatory step in the same direction. Think me not too sanguine when I say that I hope that the day will come when my children, or my children's children, shall see the present little Redwood Library developed into a *grand Library and Museum*, not unlike, in its character and in its aims of usefulness, to the beautiful "New Kensington Museum" of the City of London—an institution which is doing more for the developement of British taste and British talent, than either the Royal Academy, the British Museum, or any of the many associations in the United Kingdom.

The "Kensington Museum" is an association carefully fostered by the British Government, principally for the advancement of its artisans in works of design, and to keep up the standard of taste in Great Britain to the position to which it has attained in France and in Germany. It is a sort of model school, free to the public, kept in the most perfect order, and arranged with the most scrupulous regard to method and classification, where any and every department of art may be visited without loss of time in discovering its position, and the light so well distributed that each design can be carefully studied, and drawings made from it with perfect ease and convenience. The most beautiful samples of every description of art, in whatever portion of the world they are to be found, are purchased, and here brought together and exposed to the public, and a large fund appropriated by the government, or the interest accruing from the Society. Already large endowments are annually expended in its increase and to keep it up to the standard of the times.

After the closing of the recent grand International Exposition at Paris, almost all of the most noteworthy specimens of art, those which had gained medals, or had been much discussed by the public, were purchased out of the large fund of the Association, and from an *especial* fund raised for this purpose, and they have been transferred to the rooms, and are now exposed, in the well lighted cases upon the walls of the "Kensington Museum." These purchases embrace articles of every fabric, and are the *chef d'ouvres* of the most distinguished artists of every country in Europe.

NEWPORT, September 28, 1868.

APPENDIX.

The following is a list of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, for the year ending Nov. 1st, 1868.

Anonymous, Christian Examiner, for 1868.

“ Sabin’s “ Dictionary of books relating to America,” to be continued.

Anonymous, 2 pphs.

Bache, Mrs. A. D., 1 vol.

Ballard, Joseph, Boston, 1 vol.

Birckhead, James, 40 vols. Pub. Docs.

Boston, Public Library, 2 pphs.

Bowdoin Col, per A. N. Littlefield, 1 vol.

Bowling, W. K., Nashville, Tenn., 1 pph.

Brewerton, George D., 1 vol.

Brinley, Hon. Francis, 1 vol.

Brooks, Rev. C. T., 3 vols.

Brooks, Sidney, 4 vols.

Calvert, George H., 1 vol.

Clarke, Rev. James F., 1 pph.

Clarke, Samuel C., 1 vol.

Dunn, Dr. T. C., 9 vols.

Ferris, John Alexander, 1 vol.

Francis, Dr. Samuel W., 1 vol.

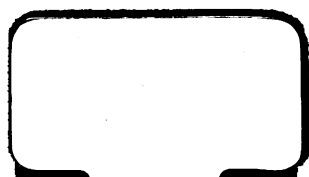
Francis, Dr. V. Mott, 1 vol.

Gibbs, George W., 1 vol.

Gibbs, Gov. William C., 7 large maps.







ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS
OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
NEWPORT, R. I.,
TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1869.

NEWPORT:
PRINTED BY JAMES ATKINSON.
1869.



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Redwood Library & Athenæum
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P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE COMPANY OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
NEWPORT, R. I.,

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1869.

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 29th, 1869.

At the hour appointed, the Hon. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, Vice-President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows:—

Charles H. Russell,	Henry Ledyard,
William C. Cozzens,	John Newton,
Robert J. Taylor,	James Atkinson,
Augustus N. Littlefield,	Nathan H. Gould,
Sidney Brooks,	John T. Bush,
George Cozzens,	Duncan C. Pell,
Henry E. Turner,	James E. Mauran,
Charles T. Brooks,	Charles H. Malcom,
James T. Rhodes,	Richard Cornell,
Samuel Engs,	Joseph B. Weaver,
William A. Clarke,	George Q. Thorndike,
Benjamin H. Rhoades,	Francis Brinley,
William Cornell,	Stephen H. Norman,
Henry N. Ward,	Theophilus C. Dunn,
	T. W. Higginson.

The following persons were then proposed, and admitted, as members of the company, viz. :—

Edmund J. Townsend,	John W. Field,
Ernest Goffe,	Jacques Gustave Bonnet.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received, and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account was read, received, and ordered to be printed.

The annual Report of the Directors was presented and read by HENRY LEDYARD, Esq., ordered to be recorded, and published in pamphlet form.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

GEORGE G. KING, *President.*

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *Vice-President.*

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Messrs. C. E. Hammett, Jr., James E. Mauran and Henry H. Fay were chosen a Committee to examine the Books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That a tax of five dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

The annexed Report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE was then read, received, and ordered to be printed :—

To the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum :—

The Finance Committee, according to their custom, beg leave to present the following estimate of the anticipated income of the Institution for the ensuing year, together with the estimate of probable expenses :—

RECEIPTS.

Taxes from 300 paying shares	\$1,500 00
Temporary subscribers.....	300 00
Income from Clarke estate....	1,200 00
Income on Savings Bank deposit	28 00
Balance on hand, this date.....	259 09
	<u>\$3,287 09</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Librarian	\$1,000 00
Salary of Clerk	144 00
Fuel	150 00
Lighting rooms... ..	175 00
City tax.....	190 00
Expenses and improvements on Clarke estate	250 00
Insurance to be renewed	150 00
Reviews and Periodicals.....	200 00
Binding	250 00
Incidental.....	256 00
Leaving for the purchase of Books	432 09
	<u>\$3,287 09</u>

Respectfully submitted :

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *for Committee.*

Adjourned :

ROBERT J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

The record of Books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows :—

For the year ending September 1st, 1869.....	11,318
For the year ending September 1st, 1868.....	11,751
Decrease.....	433

At the date of the last Report, the whole number of volumes in the Library was 16,016. The number of volumes since added is—by purchase, 73 ; Donation, 724 ; Binding Periodicals, 10. Making the whole number now in the Library 16,823.

Pamphlets presented during the year, 66.

A list of donations for the year is appended to this Report.

During the past year we have renewed cause to be grateful to the friends of the Institution for numerous donations of books.

Among these, should be particularly mentioned a costly and well selected collection, presented by Mr. John Carter Brown, an acquisition of great importance, and materially adding to the usefulness of the Library.

We have also received, through Dr. David King, in behalf of Miss Elizabeth F. Thomas and other descendants of Peter Harrison, the first architect of the Redwood Library, the Portraits of Mr. Harrison and his wife ; and from Mr. H. G. Marquand a Portrait of Gen. Burnside, by Leutze.

The Board have gratefully to acknowledge, as in previous years, the receipt of Publications from Congress, several public Departments and Literary Institutions. For many of these we are indebted to the kind offices of the Hon. H. B. Anthony, Hon. T. A. Jenckes, and the Hon. William Hunter, Assistant Secretary of State.

Among many others who have continued to show their undiminished interest in the welfare of the Library, our thanks are due to Hon. D. C. Pell and Miss C. Stevenson, for the presentation of various works of interest.

In 1863, Mr. Edward King offered his valuable collection of Statuary to the Library, on the condition that a suitable place should be provided for it. This offer was gratefully accepted. We were then in hopes we should soon be able to erect a building to be appropriated to the reception of these and our

other works of art, but having, as already stated, determined to postpone the project of enlargement, we applied to Mr. King to waive the condition attached to his generous gift. He promptly acceded to our wishes, and the Statuary has been placed in the present building. The subjects are copies, in marble, from the antique, of the "Dying Gladiator," and the busts of the "Venus of Milo," "Ariadne," "Demosthenes," "Cicero," and the "Young Marcellus,"—all being the work of Paul Akers. Also an original work, by James Mozier, "the American Schoolboy." This is a most precious addition to our works of art, and has been deservedly appreciated by all who have visited the Library.

Since the last Report one "preferred share" has been sold to Mr. Seth W. Macy, and the whole number disposed of to this date is four, the proceeds of which are deposited in the Savings' Bank, of Newport, to the credit of the Corporation.

The Board have recently adopted measures for the more economical and efficient management of the Library, which if strictly carried out, will in their judgment, greatly promote its prosperity. Their great object has been, by a more thorough supervision of its finances, to provide against incurring any indebtedness without the means of paying it at once. This, they believe, is the only true and wise policy. They are convinced that the friends of the Institution, when they see that the funds at the disposition of the Board are faithfully and economically applied, will be as favorably disposed to aid, in the future, as they have in the past, towards promoting its welfare.

To enable us to apply our whole resources to the support and increase of the Library for the next year, we have made an effort to raise the amount of \$1,500, required to pay off the indebtedness which has been accumulating for the last three years. This has proved successful, and our friends who have generously contributed to this object have been mainly induced to do so from the conviction that hereafter the Board will faithfully carry out the policy of keeping our expenditure within our revenue. The following is the list of contributors:—

George G. King,	\$100	Dr. E. R. Humphreys (Lecture on	
Henry Ledyard,	100	Bulwer),	67
A friend of the Library,	500	Samuel Engs,	25
Sidney Brooks,	100	John T. Bush,	25
George W. Gibbs,	50	Charles Hunter,	25
Richard Cornell,	25	Charles H. Russell,	133
David Sears,	50		
Duncan C. Pell,	50		\$1,500
George A. Hammett,	100	John A. Brown,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Augustus N. Littlefield,	25
Richard M. Hunt,	50	George F. Parkman,	50

Among others who have generously responded to this appeal, it will be perceived, in the above list, is a gentleman, always a firm friend of the institution, who has subscribed the very liberal sum of five hundred dollars, on the condition his name should remain unknown. As the Directors are deprived of the satisfaction of thanking him by name, they trust he will, through the medium of this report, accept the assurance of their grateful appreciation of his liberality. Our especial acknowledgments are also due to Dr. E. R. Humphreys, who has generously placed at our disposition the proceeds of a lecture he kindly delivered for the benefit of the Library.

The company is now free from debt, and we intend to keep it so; but our resources are very limited, and entirely insufficient to supply our readers with the publications of the day, which are so important to the popularity and usefulness of the institution.

A great part of our income is absorbed by the indispensable cost of management, leaving but a small balance for the purchase of the books we absolutely need. Many departments of literature are very imperfect. We lose the circulation of a large number of volumes we are unable to bind, and we require more shelf-room for the proper classification of the books now in the Library. With the necessary means we could provide room, in our present building, for ten to fifteen thousand additional volumes. If the members of the corporation would consent to the imposition of an additional assessment on the shares, we might supply some of the greatest deficiencies, and although they withheld their assent when the Directors formerly made this proposition, we deem it our duty again to present it.

We trust, however, that our friends who have been so liberal to us heretofore, and others who may become acquainted with our wants, and feel an interest in our success, will come forward to aid us in supporting our institution, which has done so much for the happiness, instruction and improvement of the visitors and residents of Newport.

HENRY LEDYARD,
for the Directors.

The following abstract, from the Report of the Treasurer, shows the particular items of expenditure and receipts for the past year, classified under their appropriate heads:—

EXPENDITURES.

New books purchased.....	\$254 34
Reviews, periodicals and newspapers.....	234 65
Binding books and periodicals.....	162 26
Printing Annual Reports.....	70 00
Salaries, Librarian and Assistant.....	1,158 35
Lighting rooms.....	175 43
Fuel.....	166 30
City tax.....	196 80
Insurance and interest.....	99 13
Repairs, expenses and insurance Clarke estate.....	322 39
Architect, for plans.....	150 00
Curbing Redwood street Library lot.....	77 74
Incidental.....	312 88

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders.....	\$1,460 00
Temporary subscribers.....	250 00
Income Clarke estate.....	1,200 00
Sale of one special share.....	100 00
Proceeds of lecture.....	87 25
Proceeds of subscription.....	1,508 00
Proceeds of sale of books, &c.....	67 50

Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
 Mauran, James E., 8 vols.
 Marquand, H. G., portrait of Burnside.
 New Bedford, Public Library, 1 pph.
 Newport, City of, 1 vol.
 Pell, Hon. D. C., 14 vols.
 Powel, Samuel, 20 pphs., and Naturalist continued.
 Rhoades, Col. Lawrence. 2 vols.
 Rhode Island, State of, 1 vol.
 Russell, Charles H., 1 vol.
 Sayer, Joshua, antique paper.
 Sabin, J. & Son, Bibliopolist continued.
 Sheffield, Hon. William P., 1 vol.
 Silliman, A. E., Brooklyn, 2 vols.
 Stevenson, Miss Clara, 56 vols.
 Thayer, Christopher T., 2 vols.
 United States, Agricultural Department, 1 vol.
 " " per Hon. H. B. Anthony, 8 vols., 1 pph.
 " " Congressional Library, 1 vol.
 " " Educational Department, per Hon. H. Barnard, 1 vol.
 " " per Hon. T. A. Jenckes, 21 vols.
 " " Naval Observatory, 1 vol.
 " " Navigation Department, per B. F. Greene, 1 vol.
 " " Quartermaster General, per M. C. Meigs, 23 vols.
 " " State Department, per Hon. Wm. Hunter, 16 v., 2 pphs.
 White, Prof. C. J., Naval Academy, 1 vol.
 Waterston, Rev. R. C., Boston, 1 vol.

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DIRECTORS

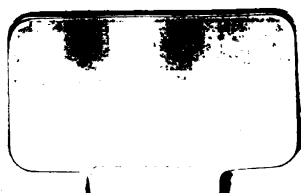
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1870.

NEWPORT:
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REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM.
1870-71.

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VICE-PRESIDENT,
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- DIRECTORS,
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| 1. CHARLES H. RUSSELL, | 13. WM. NEWTON MERCER, |
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| 12. CHARLES H. MALCOM, | 24. FRANCIS BRINLEY, |
| 25. WILLIAM GILPIN. | |

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GEORGE COZZENS.

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CORRESPONDING AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
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CLERK,
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ON BOOKS.

CHARLES T. BROOKS, ROBERT J. TAYLOR,
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

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ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

EDWARD KING, CHARLES H. MALCOM,
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ON AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS.

GEORGE A. HAMMETT, THEOPHILUS C. DUNN,
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ON ENLARGEMENT AND REPAIRS.

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ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, **HENRY E. TURNER,**
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ON EXPENDITURES.

JOHN T. BUSH, RICHARD CORNELL,
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1870.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1870.

At the hour appointed, the Hon. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, Vice-President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows :

William C. Cozzens,
Augustus N. Littlefield,
James T. Rhodes,
William A. Clarke,
Nathan H. Gould,
James E. Mauran,
Stephen H. Norman,
Zenas L. Hammond,
George W. Green,
Gilbert Chase,
Seth W. Macy,
Joseph M. Lyon,
Isaac Gould,
John C. Congdon,
Robert Sherman,

Charles H. Russell,
George Cozzens,
Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Henry N. Ward,
John T. Bush,
Francis Brinley,
Stephen Gould,
Felix Peckham,
George A. Hammett,
Gideon Lawton,
A. Judson Ward,
Oliver Potter,
John S. Coggeshall,
William Brownell,
Thomas P. Peckham.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Stephen Gould,	J. Truman Burdick,
Lawrence Rhoades,	George Engs,
Edward H. Brinley,	Frederick W. Tilton,
Rev. Thatcher Thayer,	Edward D. Boit,
Mrs. R. M. Bradford.	

The report of the committee to examine the books was read and received.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors was presented and read by the Hon. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, ordered to be recorded, and published in pamphlet form.

The gentlemen whose names are printed on page 8d, were then elected officers for the ensuing year.

Messrs. James E. Mauran, Henry H. Fay, and Stephen Gould, were chosen a committee to examine the books in the library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That a tax of five dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

The annexed Report of the Finance Committee was then read, received and ordered to be printed :

To the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum :

The Finance Committee, according to their custom, beg leave to offer the following estimate of the anticipated income of the Institution for the ensuing year,—together with the estimate of probable expenses :

RECEIPTS.

Tax on 280 paying shares, at \$6 00.....	\$1,680 00
Temporary subscribers,.....	300 00
Income from the Clarke estate.....	1,200 00
" on Savings Bank deposit.....	49 00
Balance on hand, book account.....	363 84
" general account.....	317 87
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	\$3,910 71

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Librarian.....	\$1,000 00
" Clerk,.....	144 00
Fuel, \$150, Lights, \$75.....	225 00
City Tax	185 00
Insurance.....	50 00
Clarke Estate.....	150 00
Reviews and Periodicals.....	200 00
Binding.....	300 00
Incidental expenses.....	350 00
Leaving for purchase of books.....	1,306 71—\$3,910 71

The Directors, at their meeting in August, referred to this committee the offer of Mr. GIBBS to give ten thousand dollars towards the erection of additional buildings for the Library, provided an equal amount would be subscribed within one year from the date of his offer. The committee consider that circumstances are not so favorable as they could desire to obtain this amount within the time limited; still it ought to be done. The committee hope that Mr. Gibbs may be willing to extend the time for another year, (if necessary), and that the offer may attract the friends of the library to secure so important an object.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

W. A. CLARKE.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1870.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHE-
NÆUM respectfully present the following report of their proceedings,
and the condition of the Institution for the year ending September
28th, 1870.

We are reminded that another year has been added to our history ;
the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of our existence as a lit-
erary society and library calls us together on this occasion to review
the doings of the past and make provision for the future. The Di-
rectors rejoice in being able to say to the corporation, that the va-
rious departments of their institution are in as healthy and prosper-
ous a condition as could reasonably be expected. The general inter-
est in the Library is undiminished, although our means have not
enabled us to do all we could desire. We have much cause for grati-
tude that our efforts during the year have met with so general a re-
sponse.

On the 13th of December last, the Board received through Henry
Ledyard, Esq., a letter from George W. Gibbs, Esq., (a native of
Newport, lately returned from California, where he has resided for
many years, intending again to make his home in Newport,) the fol-
lowing most noble offers : First, that if the Directors would raise by
subscription the sum of five hundred dollars for the purchase of
books, he would subscribe five hundred dollars more ; and second,
that if we would raise by subscription ten thousand dollars for build-
ing an addition to the Library, he would contribute an additional ten
thousand dollars ; either or both of these offers to hold good for one
year from the date of his letter. These munificent offers were duly

accepted by the Board, and a vote of thanks passed and transmitted to Mr. Gibbs by the President, assuring him of our appreciation of his kind interest in our Library, and pledging our best exertions to obtain the required subscription to make available his generous offers.

Within a few months, by the exertions of Mr. Ledyard, and our efficient Librarian, the first of these offers was secured, the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to Mr. Gibbs's five hundred, making a total of (\$1,450) fourteen hundred and fifty dollars; the whole amount of which has been collected and is being used for books. The names of the Donors will be found in the appendix.

The second offer will expire on the 3d of December next. Up to this time no special effort has been made to obtain the required sum of ten thousand dollars. At our meeting in August, the subject was referred to the Finance Committee, whose report will accompany this report with recommendations. When we consider how important and necessary it is that additional funds should be secured, in order to carry out the plan of enlargement proposed and adopted in 1868, and which has been delayed solely by the want of means, may we not hope that some generous friends of the Library may come forward and aid us, that we may secure the munificent offer of Mr. Gibbs.

Since our last Report three more of the Special or "Preferred Shares" have been sold,—one to Dr. A. L. Sands, one to George W. Gibbs, Esq., and one to Robert H. McCurdy Esq., making a total of seven such shares to this date. These shares, it will be remembered, are sold at one hundred dollars each, free from all taxes or assessments forever, and granting all the privileges of the Library as a family share. The proceeds must be, by our charter, invested and held as a fund, the income to be applied towards the expenses of the Library. We are looking forward to the time when these shares will become popular with our permanent as well as our summer citizens, who can thus aid us in establishing a fund, and extending the usefulness of the Library; besides saving themselves from the annoyance of an annual tax.

In the beginning of the present year, fearing that our expenses would exceed our income, the "Committee on Expenditures" recommended a curtailment of the privileges and advantages heretofore enjoyed. The Library has been closed at an earlier hour to save the expense of gas, and many newspapers and periodicals were discontinued, and a rigid economy practised; but it is questionable whether

we have not lost more than we have gained by the diminished interest in this department. No institution can flourish if kept too restricted, or its poverty be too prominently pressed upon the public. The Directors, ever since the enlargement in 1858, have pursued a liberal policy in furnishing what was needed to popularize and increase the value of the library, even though it occasionally encroached upon our capital.

The record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows :

For the year ending September 1st, 1870.....	10,019
“ “ “ “ “ 1869.....	11,318

Decrease..... 1,299

At the date of the last Report, the whole number of volumes in the Library, was.....16,823

Added since, by purchase.....	256
“ “ donation.....	302
“ “ binding (periodicals).....	79

Making the whole number in the Library.....17,460
being an increase of 10,183 volumes, since 1858. We would also acknowledge the receipt of seventy-seven pamphlets during the year.

We are yearly under obligations to many friends of the Library for liberal contributions of Reviews and Magazines, enabling us to make up duplicate sets, which are often of great convenience. At our last meeting, a letter was presented by Charles H. Russell, Esq., who, in the first effort to enlarge the Library and increase its usefulness, in 1858, by the sale of four hundred new shares, gave the first impetus to that movement by generously subscribing for forty shares, one thousand dollars. He now offers to reconvey to the Library, as a free gift, these forty shares, which were duly accepted, and a vote of thanks returned to Mr. Russell for this gift and his continued interest in the Library.

Our thanks are also due to the Hon William Hunter, of the State Department at Washington; to M. C. Meigs, Quarter-Master General; Colonel Benjamin Pierce, U. S. Coast Survey; Hon. H. B. Anthony and Hon. T. A. Jenckes; Hon. E. D. Morgan, Miss Kate P. Wormsley, Miss M. E. Powell, Henry Ledyard, Esq., Hon. D. C.

Pell, Rev. C. T. Brooks and others, for many favors. Also to the heirs of the late Philip Hone, Esq., of New York, for twenty-three handsomely bound volumes of the Illustrated London News, from 1857 to 1870, and twenty-three volumes of "Punch," from 1857 to 1870, equally well bound. With our best exertions and the continued kindness of the friends of the Library, we know that we have not been able to furnish all the new books that are required to satisfy the demands of the proprietors, yet we are thankful for what has been done. The usefulness of our Library should not be estimated by the number of books circulated. Our pleasant Reading Room continues to attract many of the proprietors and subscribers in their leisure hours, and much reading is done within the walls of the Library, both by those who read for pleasure, and by those who come for study. Our Library, possessing a good proportion of scientific books, history and biography, and a very respectable number of books of reference, will always be visited with pleasure and advantage.

During the year, the Trustees of the "People's Library," of Newport, have opened their new and elegant rooms with a large collection of books of a very attractive and substantial character. Our community are justly appreciating this noble gift, and are under great obligation to that munificent friend of our city, CHRISTOPHER TOWNSEND, Esq., by whose liberality that Library has been established and endowed, as well as other benevolent Institutions in our midst, upon which he has so lavishly poured out his treasures. Some have supposed that the "People's Library" would be an injury to ours, but we do not so view it. It has always been conceded that the Redwood Library has been a very useful Institution, diffusing knowledge and culture among all the families who have enjoyed its privileges, and even those who never purchased or contributed to its means, have honored it by always bringing their friends from abroad to inspect its treasures and enjoy the privileges which have been open to all. Our Library holds a position in the hearts of the community, for a great number of our stockholders are inheritors of their shares from an honored ancestry, who, in the early days of Newport, worshiped this Institution as their great treasure, although it was then comparatively far behind its present condition.

It is our mournful duty to record the decease of the Hon. GEORGE G. KING, for many years the honored President of this corporation, which occurred on Sunday, July 17, 1870, at the age of sixty-

four. A meeting of the Directors was convened on Monday, the 18th, at 12 o'clock, by order of the Vice-President, who appropriately announced the sad event; whereupon a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of the loss, which the Directors and Corporation had sustained by the death of Mr. King; which, being subsequently presented, were unanimously adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the immediate families of the deceased, and published in the newspapers of the city.

The Board attended in a body the funeral of Mr. King on the 20th. Mr. King was long and intimately identified with this Institution, being, at the time of his decease, among the oldest living members of the Association, having been admitted a member in the year 1831, at which time he was elected Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, holding these various offices for many years. In 1846, he was elected President, and re-elected in 1847; in 1848, he declined a re-election. On the enlargement and re-organization of the Library in 1859, he was again elected President, and held the office from that time to the time of his decease. In all these positions, he discharged their duties with a conscientious regard for the best interests of the Library, and in death he has not forgotten us; for by his will he has left a valuable bequest, in the gift of a thousand dollars, to constitute or be part of a permanent fund, the annual income of which to be applied solely to the purchase of books. This had always been a favorite idea of Mr. King, to have a fund especially devoted to the purchase of books; and this bequest, when received, should be made the basis of a Book Fund, and invested for and pledged to that object.

Since our last annual meeting several other of our aged members have been removed by death, and now sleep with their fathers. Mr. John V. Hammett enjoyed a membership in this association for fifty-five years,—a longer term than any other person during its existence. Mr. John Stevens, Dr. Charles Cotton, and Mr. Rufus B. Kinsley, were all old and valued members.

The Clarke House required a considerable outlay for repairs and new furniture, to make it available for a satisfactory rent. It is now in good order and will require but little to be done for some time. It is occupied at present at a rental of \$1,200 for the summer, and will be offered for rent for the winter. The Directors have been considerably exercised about the necessity or propriety of selling this property, as the proceeds might yield more income if well invested; but

when we remember what gratification was evinced when this estate was secured, with such a commodious lot, to meet the future requirements of the Library, with a view to hold it until wanted, we cannot recommend its sale. This generation may not use it all, but other generations will. As our Library increases in age, it will grow in strength, and this whole lot will be none too large for its wants. Within twelve years our capital and the general interest in the Library have more than quadrupled; what may we not expect as the increase in value and usefulness within the remaining years of the present century?

The Library continues to be one of the great attractions of our city; its historic fame has a world-wide reputation. Men of large fortunes, and they are multiplying rapidly, must have some established Library, College, or benevolent Institution, upon which to bestow their treasures and perpetuate their names; and it should be our pleasure and our duty, so to manage and improve this time-honored corporation, as to make it available for such a purpose.

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
for the Directors.

The following abstract from the Treasurer's account will show the particular items of expenditure and receipts for the past year:

New Books purchased.....	\$699 57
Reviews, Periodicals and Newspapers.....	179 33
Binding account and printing.....	211 75
Salaries of Librarian and Assistant.....	1,142 00
Lighting Rooms.....	68 05
Fuel.....	142 60
City Tax.....	189 60
Insurance.....	188 10
Incidental.....	315 53
Additional furniture and repairs, (Clarke House).....	763 92
Shelving in front room.....	240 00

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders and temporary subscribers....	\$1,966 64
Income Clarke Estate, less commissions.....	1,037 00
Sale of three special shares.....	300 00
Proceeds of subscription for Books, &c.....	1,474 07
Dividend on Preferred Share deposit.....	24 74

Dr. REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM in account with GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer. Cr.

1870.		1869.			
Sept. 28.	To payments Book account as rendered,	\$1,110 03	Sept. By balance on hand,	\$259 09	
"	" Expense, - - -	1,113 88	" " Rents received from Clarke estate,	1,037 00	
"	" B. H. Rhoades, Librarian,	1,000 00	" " Amount of collections from Annual		
"	" J. K. Robinson, Assistant,	142 00	Tax and rent of shares, - -	1,966 64	
"	" Repairs and Furniture,		" " Subscriptions and credits of Book		
	Clarke House, - - -	763 92	account, - - -	1,474 07	
"	" Deposited in Savings Bank, special		" " Subscription Fund account, - -	50 00	
"	shares, - - -	300 00	" " Sale of three preferred shares, - -	300 00	
"	" Deposited in Savings Bank, Book		" " Dividend Savings Bank, " - -	24 74	
	Fund, - - -	363 84			
"	" Balance to new account, - - -	317 87			
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		Errors excepted :			
		GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer.			
1870.					
Sept. 28.	Balance on hand,	- - -	Sept. 28.	Balance on hand,	\$317 87
"	" " Book Fund on hand	- - -	"	" " Book Fund on hand	363 84
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					\$681 71

WE, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have attended to that duty and find them correct; and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, as per statement above, six hundred eighty-one dollars, seventy-one cents.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, Jr.,
JOSEPH B. WEAVER.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 28, 1870.

APPENDIX.

The following is a list of all the Gifts to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities during the year :

DONORS TO THE GIBBS BOOK FUND.			
George W. Gibbs,	-	\$500 00	L. P. Morton, - - \$25 00
Sidney Brooks,	-	50 00	Henry Ledyard - - 50 00
Richard Cornell,	-	25 00	A. A. Low, - - 50 00
Cash,	-	10 00	D. C. Pell, - - 50 00
William C. Cozzens,	-	10 00	Edwin A. Post, - - 25 00
T. C. Dunn,	-	20 00	James T. Rhodes, - 50 00
Charles Hunter,	-	20 00	Robert Ray, - - 25 00
Edward King,	-	50 00	Charles H. Russell, 50 00
J. N. A. Griswold,	-	50 00	Nathan Smith, - 20 00
A. N. Littlefield,	-	20 00	David Sears, - - 50 00
Nathan Matthews,	-	50 00	Edmund Tweedy, - 50 00
Edwin D. Morgan,	-	50 00	George F. Tyler, - 50 00
Robert M. Mason,	-	50 00	George Quincy Thorndike, 50 00

Atkinson, C. F. and Loring F. W., 1 vol.

Atwood, John M., Philadelphia, 1 vol.

Austin, Arthur W., 1 vol., 1 pph.

Baltimore, Md., Mercantile Library, 30th Ann. Report.

Barker, Robert S., 70 Magazines.

Binney, William G., Burlington, N. J., 1 vol.

Blaine, Hon. J. G., 1 vol.

Bliss, William H., 2 Magazines.

Boston, Merc. Lib., 46th Annual Report.

Boston, Public Library, 1 vol., 16th Annual Report and 3 Bulletins.

Brighton, Mass., Holton Library, 7 Reports.

Brinley, Hon. Francis, 1 vol.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Mercantile Library, 1 Bulletin, 7th Annual Report.

Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 4 vols.

- Brooks, Sidney, 3 vols., 6 pphs.
 Brown, University, Providence, 1 pph.
 Buffum, David, 2 vols.
 Buffum, Mrs. T. B., 1 vol.
 Calvert, George H., 3 vols., and American Literary Gazette continued; do. "Academy" continued.
 Cambridge, Harvard College, 2 pphs.
 Caswell, Rev. Alexis, D. D., Charlestown, Mass., 2 pphs, 3d Ann. Rep.
 Cincinnati, Ohio, Merc. Library Association, 31st and 34th Ann. Reps.
 Columbia College, N. Y., Report and Pamphlet.
 Cook, Miss Sarah, 3 vols.
 Cooper Union, 5th and 7th Annual Reports.
 Cozzens, William C., 3 vols.
 Detroit, Mich., Young Men's Society, Catalogue Books, 34th Ann. Rep.
 Fall River, Public Library, 6th Annual Report.
 Francis, Dr. Samuel W., 99 Magazines.
 Gammell, Prof. William, Providence, 9 Reports.
 Gilpin, Mrs. William, 47 Magazines.
 Goddard, Francis W., Providence, 2 vols.
 Greenough, Mrs. Richard, 3 vols.
 Hammett, Charles E. Jr., 1 pph.
 Hartford, Young Men's Institute, 28th Annual Report.
 Hazard, Thomas R., "Spiritual Magazine" continued; do. "Banner of Light," do.
 Hazard, Miss Martha, 54 Magazines.
 Hecksher, Mrs. J. 1 vol.
 Higginson, Col. Thomas W., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Hill, Rev. J. C., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, Morris, Phillips & Co., N. Y., continued.
 Hone, Philip, heirs of, 47 vols.
 Hunt, Major General H. J., Portrait of President Pierce.
 King, Dr. David, 2 vols.
 Lawrence, Abbott, Boston, 1 vol.
 Lawrence, Mrs. S. A., 13 Magazines.
 Leach, Rev. Daniel, D. D., 1 vol.
 Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co., 8 catalogues of books.
 Ledyard, Henry, 35 vols. 69 magazines, 17 Autograph Letters of distinguished men.
 Littlefield, Mrs. William, 6 vols., 20 shells.
 Long Island Historical Society, 4th Annual Report.
 McCurdy, R. H., 1 pph.
 Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—"Our Dumb Animals," vols. 1 and 2, continued.

- Mauran, James E., 7 vols., "The Nation," continued; "Mining Journal" do.
 Measures, bell metal, sent by the British government to Rhode Island, gift of eighteen perons.
 Munro, Miss Emma T., 2 Magazines.
 Narragansett Weekly, Westerly, R. I., continued.
 New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library, 17th Annual Report.
 Newell, John P., View of Newport, 1870.
 Newport, City Document, 1 vol.
 Newport People's Library, 1 vol.
 Newton, Mrs. Edward F., 2 vols., 139 Magazines.
 New York, Mercantile Library, 1 vol., 45th Annual Report.
 Otis, Alleyne, 110 Magazines.
 "Old and New," by five persons.
 Palmer, Dr. James C., 1 vol.
 Parrish, Robert A., Philadelphia, 1 vol.
 Parsons, Dr. C. W., 1 vol.
 Pell, Hon. D. C., 19 vols.
 Perry, Amos, Providence, 1 vol.
 Philadelphia, Mercantile Library, 43d, 44th, and 45th Annual Reports.
 Pittsburg, Pa., Mercantile Library, 21st and 22d Annual Reports.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 26 vols., 99 Magazines.
 Powel, Samuel, "Proceedings of Nat. Hist. Society, of Philadelphia," continued; "American Naturalist," ditto; "Journal of Chemistry," ditto.
 Providence, R. I., Athenæum, 1 Annual Report.
 Ray, Robert, N. Y., 3 pphs.
 Rhoades, Col. L., "Lippincott's Magazine," continued.
 Rhode Island, State of, 1 vol.
 Richmond, George H., 59 Magazines.
 Rodman, William M., 1 vol. folio.
 Russell, Charles H., 1 vol., and 40 shares in Redwood Library.
 Sabin, J. & Son, "Bibliopolist," continued.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Institute, 6 Magazines.
 San Francisco, Cal., Mercantile Library, 13th Annual Report.
 Schroeder, Henry, 1 vol.
 Seabury Thomas M., "Watchman and Reflector," continued.
 Smith Harriet, 1 vol.
 Smithsonian Institute, Washington, 3 vols.
 Springfield, Mass., City Library Association, 2 Annual Reports.
 Swinburne, Henry H., 1 vol.
 Taunton, Mass., Public Library, 1st and 2d Annual Reports.
 Taylor, Miss Mary V., 24 Magazines.
 Thomas, J. N., 3 vols.

- Travers, Mrs. W. R., Engraved copies of Raphael's 7 cartoons.
 Triumviri Americani, Bronze Medallion of Washington, Lincoln and Grant—gift of nine gentlemen.
 Tuckerman, Henry T., 1 vol.
 Unitarian Association, 1 vol.
 United States—Coast Survey, per B. Pierce, 2 vols.
 " " Interior Department, 47 vols.
 " " Library of Congress, 1 vol.
 " " Meigs, M. C., Quartermaster General, 2 vols.
 " " Morgan, Hon. Edwin D., 31 vols.
 " " Naval Observatory, Com. B. F. Sands, 2 vols.
 " " State Department, per Hon. William Hunter, 28 vols.,
 3 pphs.
 Van Zandt, Hon. C. C., 2 vols.
 Waring, Col. George E., 2 vols.
 Waterbury, Conn., Bronson Library, catalogue of Books, and 1st Annual Report.
 Waterston, Rev. R. C., 1 vol.
 Wheaton, Miss and Mrs. L., 1 vol.
 Wheildon, W. W., 2 vols.
 Wilbor, Esther W., 2 vols.
 Wilmington, Del., Institute, 9th, 10th and 12th Annual Reports.
 Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 2 pphs.
 Worcester, Mass., Free Library, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Annual Reports.
 Wormeley, Mrs. K. P., 5 vols.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "PREFERRED SHARES," \$100, AS PER REPORT—PAGE 9.

George A. Hammett,
Nathan Matthews,
Henry Ledyard,
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Seth W. Macy,
Austin L. Sands,
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2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

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Bronson, Arthur
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 Congdon, John C.
 Congdon, William P.
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 Cornell, Richard
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 Cottrell, Michael
 Cottrell, Silas H.
 Cozzens, George
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 Finch, Benjamin
 Fludder, William
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 Foster, John
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 Goffe, Ernest
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 Kuhn, Charles
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ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS

OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1871.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COMPANY OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,
NEWPORT, R. I.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 1871.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 27, 1871.

At the hour appointed, the HON. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The meeting then proceeded to business, a quorum of the corporators being present, as follows :

Wm. C. Cozzens,
Ad. J. Ward,
James L. Hazard,
Nathan H. Gould,
Wm. A. Clarke,
Oliver Potter,
Thomas W. Higginson,
Hamilton Hoppin,
Charles H. Malcom,
George Engs,
Henry H. Fay,
Zenas L. Hammond,
Seth W. Macy,
Henry E. Turner,
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John T. Bush,

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Robert J. Taylor,
Henry N. Ward,
David King,
Stephen H. Norman,
George A. Hammett,
Benj. H. Rhodes,
H. B. Tompkins,
George Cozzens,
Aug. D. Small,
James T. Rhodes,
Ed. L. Brinley,
Charles H. Russell,
Joseph M. Lyon,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

William G. Peckham, Jr.,	Mary G. Ellery,
John H. Greene,	Samuel Powel,
Aug. D. Small,	Robert H. McCurdy,
Miss Sarah Gibbs,	E. M. K. Wetmore,
A. D. Wetmore,	Isaac Sherman, of N. Y.,
Joseph Sampson,	Henry S. Sanford,
Wm. W. Tucker,	John D. Richardson.

The Treasurer's Report was read and received, and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, was received and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors was presented and read by the Hon. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, ordered to be recorded, and published in pamphlet form.

On motion of Col. T. W. Higginson,

Voted, That Messrs. Stephen H. Norman, Charles H. Malcom and Oliver Potter be appointed a Committee to report a list of names for officers of the Company.

After the report of the Committee it was

Voted, That the election be by ballot on general ticket.

Voted, That Messrs. George Cozzens, Stephen H. Norman, and A. J. Ward, be appointed tellers.

Voted, That the name of the voter, holding proxy votes, and voting on more than one share, shall be placed on the back of the ballot.

The ballot having been taken, the Committee reported that the following named gentlemen were elected :

WILLIAM C. COZZENS, *President*.

EDWARD KING, *Vice-President*.

Directors.—Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, Augustus N. Littlefield, John T. Bush, Henry E. Turner, Wm. P. Sheffield, Charles

T. Brooks, Hamilton Hoppin, Charles H. Malcom, William N. Mercer, Nathan H. Gould, Richard Cornell, Charles C. Van Zandt, William A. Clarke, Robert J. Taylor, Samuel Engs, George A. Hammett, James T. Rhodes, George W. Gibbs, Seth W. Macy, Francis Brinley, Wm. Gilpin, John Carter Brown, George Peabody Wetmore, Austin L. Sands.

On motion of H. E. Turner,

Voted, That the ballot be dispensed with in the election of remaining officers. Whereupon GEORGE COZZENS, was chosen *Treasurer*; ROBERT J. TAYLOR, *Secretary*; BENJ. H. RHOADES, *Corresponding and Assistant Secretary*.

Messrs. James E. Mauran, Henry H. Fay, and Stephen Gould, were chosen a committee to examine the books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver, and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the annual meeting.

It was moved by N. H. Gould, that a tax of \$5, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed on each proprietor. An amendment was moved that it be \$4; when a Stock vote being called for, the names of the Stockholders present were called, and the number of shares voted on by them, whereupon the vote was declared to be in favor of the original motion.

Adjourned:

R. J. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

FINANCE REPORT.

To the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum :

The Finance Committee respectfully present the following estimate of the anticipated income of the Library for the ensuing year, together with the estimate of expenses :

RECEIPTS.

Tax on 230 paying shares, at \$6 00.....	\$1,380 00
Temporary subscribers.....	200 00
Income from the Clarke estate.....	1,400 00
“ “ Savings Bank, “ Book fund”.....	70 00
“ “ “ “ “ Preferred share”... ..	250 00
“ “ R. Rogers Memorial Fund, U. S. Bond,	65 00
Balance on hand.....	557 00
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	\$3,922 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Librarian.....	\$1,000 00
“ “ Clerk.....	144 00
Fuel, \$110; Lights, \$90.....	200 00
Insurances.....	100 00
Clarke Estate.....	300 00
Incidental Expenses.....	400 00
Reviews and Periodicals.....	200 00
Binding.....	200 00
Books and other purposes.....	1,378 00—\$3,922 00

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

W. A. CLARKE.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1871.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM respectfully present their report for the year ending Sept. 27, 1871.

In making our report to the shareholders on this, our 141st anniversary, it is with gratitude to the Father of Mercies that we have been kindly dealt with during the year now closing. The general interest has been fully sustained, the Library made more useful, and has been visited by increased numbers of shareholders, and others, with general praise and commendations. So numerous have been the visitors during the summer, that the Librarian was requested to estimate the probable number during the months of June, July and August; and he reports an average of not less than five hundred per day, many of them entire strangers attracted to the Library by the general reputation, which is so widely circulated by the numerous visitors and excursionists to Newport. The propriety of opening the Library indiscriminately to visitors and excursionists may be questioned; but while no depredations are committed, and all seem to enjoy the privilege and the objects of interest which they find, it has not been deemed necessary to discourage their visits. Many such who visit the Library in this way, become attached to it as members or subscribers, and each year is adding to our numbers names distinguished in Literature and the Arts, by whom our treasures are appreciated. This institution is doing good service in making Newport an attractive home for many.

Since our last report, two of our Directors have been removed by death;—the Hon. DAVID SEARS, of Boston, and THEOPHILUS C. DUNN, M. D., of Newport. The Board passed resolutions of condolence and respect for their memories, copies of which were transmitted to the families of the deceased, and published in the newspapers of the city.

Another of our honored members, a valued friend and contributor to the Library, the Hon. WILLIAM C. GIBBS, died in February last, at the advanced age of 83 years. This respected gentleman, during his long life, held many prominent offices in the government of his native State; and always manifested a lively interest in the prosperity and usefulness of this association. This board attended his funeral services at Trinity Church.

The record of Books circulated during the year, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows :

For the year ending Sept. 1st, 1870,.....	10,019
“ “ “ “ 1871.....	9,726

Decrease this year..... 293

Since the opening of the Free Library we discover some slight falling off in the number circulated: but of the books called for, and used in the Library, the circulation has increased very much, and is nearly or quite equal to the outside circulation. It is becoming more and more a reference library. Authors and distinguished strangers visit us in search of material not to be found elsewhere.

At the date of our last Report the whole number of volumes on hand, was.....	17,460
Added since by purchase.....	150
“ “ donation.....	590
“ “ binding periodicals.....	59

Making the whole number on hand, September 25.....18,259 ●

Our stock of unbound matter, pamphlets, engravings, catalogues and annual reports from Libraries and other societies is very large, but our room does not enable us to make them as convenient and available as we could wish.

It is with pleasure we announce the receipt of a letter from the Rev. Dr. THAYER, of this city, with the offer of a most noble memorial benefaction from Mrs. MARIA DEWOLF ROGERS, the venerable relict of the late ROBERT ROGERS, Esq., of Bristol, consisting of a large collection of rare and valuable books, of the value of three thousand dollars, together with the sum of one thousand dollars, represented by a United States gold bond for that amount, to constitute

a special memorial fund, bearing the name of her honored husband; the income of which is only to be used, and that only for the purchase of Books. In accepting these valued gifts, the Directors appointed a special committee to prepare resolutions expressive of their gratitude for this thoughtful remembrance of the Library, and their acceptance upon the terms and conditions proposed; which, at a subsequent meeting of the Directors, were unanimously adopted, and a copy of them signed, by the President and Secretary, were delivered to Dr. Thayer, to be forwarded to Mrs. Rogers, at Bristol.

The Directors gratefully acknowledge their obligations to the Rev. Dr. THAYER and HENRY LEDYARD, Esq., for their kind agency in this matter, and especially for their valuable service, in the selection of the books, with special reference to the wants of the Library.

Our thanks are due to the Hon. WM. HUNTER, of the State Department at Washington, for many favors; to Gen. A. A. HUMPHREYS, Chief of Engineers, for his report; also to the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington; to Hon. J. R. BARTLETT, Secretary of State, of Rhode Island; to the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP and ROBERT M. MASON, Esq., of Boston; to the Boston City Government for reports of their various departments; to HENRY LEDYARD, Esq., and Col. T. W. HIGGINSON, of Newport, and to many others for valuable gifts of books, Reports, &c., &c.

Mrs. MARIUS PANON, a lineal descendant of the founder of this Library, on her return from France to this, her native city, has given us thirty-five volumes of valuable French Works, Encyclopædias, &c; also sixty-seven volumes of Theatre Francais. We have also just received from CHARLES LYMAN, Esq., a valuable "Natural History of Italy," by Prince Bonaparte, folio, published at Rome, 1832-1841; a beautifully illustrated work.

Our donations of works of art have not been so large as in former years; indeed we have but little room for them at present. When we shall have enlarged our edifice, many valuable additions may be expected. Among those received this year, is an excellent bust of the late Hon. JOSEPH STORY, LL. D., the highly esteemed and eminent Jurist, presented by his nephew FRANKLIN H. STORY, Esq., of Boston, for many years a summer resident at Newport.

Col. T. BAILEY MYERS, of New York, has lately left in the Library an old painting of Newport, purchased by him of Mr. James Phillips, which has for nearly one hundred years remained in position as a panel over the mantle-piece, in his house in Mill street. It

was painted by a young artist, the west side of Goat Island (then Fort George) being his stand point, some time between the years 1776 and 1779, while the town was in possession of the British troops, and was placed in this house during the occupancy of Joseph Clarke, the General Treasurer of this State, in the room occupied by him as an office. It represents Newport at that period, and is supposed to be a fair outline of the town in her colonial days.

The legacy of the late Hon. GEORGE G. KING, which was alluded to in our last report, has been paid over by his Executor, Edward King, Esq., and the amount invested in the Savings Bank, of Newport, as the beginning of a "Book Fund," the income only to be expended, and that only for the purchase of Books, agreeable to the conditions expressed by the testator in his will.

Since our last report, successful efforts have been made to dispose of more of the one hundred dollar special shares, which give all the rights and privileges of an original share, and are forever free from all taxes or assessments; and by a vote of the Directors, they are being offered to the holders of an original tax paying share for seventy-five dollars in cash, and a surrender of their present \$25 shares. This plan has met with much favor, and since July, twenty-eight shares have been converted on these terms, and four shares have been taken by new parties at \$100 each. We hope to have these shares generally taken; it would be very desirable to convert all tax paying shares into this class of shareholders, and depend upon the dividends accruing from this fund, which by our charter is made perpetual, to meet our expenses instead of an annual tax.

The Clarke House has been rented since the 1st of February, at an annual rent of sixteen hundred dollars. To obtain a satisfactory tenant for the entire year, it became necessary to make many repairs, besides painting the house outside as well as inside.

Four more alcoves have been placed in the front room of the Library, made necessary by the accumulation of new books; and a new skylight has been opened in the roof.

In our last report, we made mention of the generous proposal of GEORGE W. GIBBS, Esq., of this city, for the purpose of enlarging our accommodations, by an addition in the rear of the present edifice, he offering the sum of ten thousand dollars, provided an equal amount should be subscribed by others within a fixed time. On our request to this gentleman, this time was extended to our annual meeting, this 27th day of September, 1871. A committee was appointed

who, after a considerable effort, have succeeded in obtaining very nearly the amount required; other friends are to be heard from, and we have now the flattering assurance that this most important and desirable object may yet be successfully accomplished.

The following abstract from the Treasurer's report will show the particular items of expenditure and receipts for the past year :

EXPENDITURES.

New Books, Reviews and Periodicals.....	\$356 45
Binding Account and Printing.....	259 61
Salary of Librarian.....	1,000 00
“ “ Assistant.....	142 00
Lighting rooms.....	85 85
Fuel.....	105 63
Insurance.....	110 95
Incidental Expenses.....	416 31
Repairs, Furniture, and Painting Clarke House.....	566 19
Shelving in Front room.....	300 00

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders and temporary subscribers....	1,793 00
Income of the Clarke House, less commissions.....	1,356 00
Dividend on Preferred Share Deposit, &c.....	69 36

No material difference is noticeable in the expenses of the last year; the different items are very similar. The Library has been kept open one half the year until 9 P. M.

The Committee on Finance will indicate, in their report, the prospects for the coming year, and we trust a larger amount will be available for the readable and popular works of the day, which some of our proprietors are very anxious to have.

We feel encouraged that our Library is destined to increase in usefulness and popularity, and will become one of the most honored, as it is now one of the oldest, institutions in our country, attracting the attention of all who have the taste and the leisure to appreciate its treasures.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,

for the Directors.

REPORT

OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ROBERT ROGERS DONATION.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. Thatcher Thayer, D. D., of the 15th inst., written to the President of the Redwood Library in behalf of Mrs. D. Wolf Rogers, of Bristol, have read the same with unalloyed satisfaction, and in giving to the subject matter the consideration to which it is eminently entitled, they beg leave to offer for the adoption of the Board, the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Board receive, with warm feelings of gratitude, the announcement in that communication, of Mrs. Rogers' desire and intention to present "a valuable and choice selection of books to the Redwood Library as a memorial of her husband, the late Robert Rogers, of Bristol, who (it is stated) intended to make a donation during his life, but being prevented from doing so by unforeseen circumstances, it has now become the grateful duty of her who cherishes his memory with tender and loving affection, to carry out his wishes."

Resolved, That the Board of Directors feel deeply grateful to this generous lady, and appreciating the motives which prompt her action, present in return their sincere acknowledgments for the munificent donation she has directed to be made.

Resolved, That this Board express also their grateful thanks for the still farther extension of Mrs. Rogers' liberality in the gift also of one thousand dollars in gold, represented by an United States bond of that amount, to be known as the "ROBERT ROGERS MEMORIAL FUND," and the Board of Directors hereby declare their acceptance of this gift on the terms and in the words prescribed in the letter of Rev. Dr. Thayer above referred to, viz: That it is made on the *express condition* that the investment shall not be changed prior to the maturity of the Bond, and then, and always, thereafter, the principal shall be reinvested in equally safe securities.

And further, that the interest *only* of this sum shall be expended by the Directors of the Library in the following manner:

1st. For the continuance and completion of such works, named in an enclosed list, as are incomplete.

2d. For the purchase of Historical, Scientific, Biographical, Geographical and other works of reference and no others.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions signed by the President and Secretary be transmitted to Mrs. Rogers, and further that the President in acknowledging the receipt of the letter of the Rev. Dr. Thayer, and acquainting him with the action of the Board, tender also its thanks to that gentleman and

to the Hon. Henry Ledyard for, and with its high appreciation of, the valuable services they have rendered to the Library in the selection of books donated by Mrs. Rogers.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Committee :

CHARLES H. RUSSELL, *Chairman*,
HENRY E. TURNER,
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

NEWPORT, R. I., 22d September, 1871.

OBITUARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by the Rev. CHARLES T. BROOKS, was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, Feb. 13th, 1871 :

Resolved, That this body receives with a reverent sense of human dependence on the Divine Will, and a grateful appreciation of the favors bestowed by the Heavenly Benefactor and by His earthly instruments, the tidings of the event which removes from our Board so venerable and valued an associate as we had long possessed in the person of the Hon. DAVID SEARS, whose memory will ever be sacredly associated with our city and our Library, by his many generous acts, and his constant interest in our prosperity.

Resolved, That a copy of this record be transmitted by the President to the family of our deceased associate, and also printed in the papers of this city, and in our Annual Report.

The following Resolutions, presented by Hon. WM. C. COZZENS, were unanimously adopted February 27th, 1871 :

Resolved, That this Board have heard with unfeigned sorrow, of the decease of THEOPHILUS C. DUNN, M.D., a member of this Board, and for nearly fifty years a shareholder in this Institution, manifesting his interest in it by his daily visits.

Resolved, That we most cordially tender to the family of our deceased associate and valued friend, our sincere sorrow for the irreparable loss which they have sustained, and our heartfelt sympathy for them in this hour of their great bereavement.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the estimable character of our departed friend, who has so long enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, and administered to their relief in the profession which he has so much honored.

Resolved, That this Board will attend the funeral of their deceased associate on Wednesday, March 1st, 1871, at 12 o'clock, and that the Library be closed on that day from 12 to 3 p. m.

Resolved That the President cause an attested copy of these Resolutions to be communicated to the family of the deceased, and published in the newspapers of the city, and also in our Annual Report.

DR. REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM in account with GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer. CR.

1871.		1870.		
Sept. 26.	To payments Book Account,	\$616 06	Sept. 28. Balance on hand,	\$317 87
"	" " Expense account,	- 1,018 74	" " Book Fund,	- 363 84
"	" " B. H. Rhoades, Librarian,	1,000 00	1871.	
"	" " J. K. Robinson, Ass't. "	142 00	Sept. 26. Rents received from Clarke Estate,	1,356 00
"	" " Repairs and Furniture,		" " Amount of collections from Annual Tax	
"	" " Clarke Estate,	- 566 19	and Rent of Shares,	1,793 00
"	" " Deposited in Savings Bank, King		" " Received Legacy of Hon. George G.	
"	Legacy, Book Fund,	- 1,000 00	" " King,	1,000 00
"	" " Deposited Savings Bank Preferred		" " Received Dividends on Funds in Sav-	
"	Share fund,	- 2,125 00	ings Bank,	69 36
"	" " Balance on hand,	- 557 08	" " Received for twenty-seven preferred	
			shares,	2,125 00
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		\$7,025 07		\$7,025 07
			Sept. 28. Balance on hand,	- 557 08
			Errors excepted :	
			GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer.	
			Property on hand, September, 1871 :—	
			Investment, Clarke Estate,	- \$17,054 52
			" " "Special Share Fund,"	- 2,825 00
			" " "Permanent Book Fund,"	- 1,000 00

WE, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers, as per statement above, and find them correct.

NEWPORT, R. I., September 28, 1871.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER, }
 CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR. } Auditors.

APPENDIX.

The following is a list of all the Gifts to the Library and Cabinet of Curiosities during the year:

Anderson Mrs. S. H., Periodicals.
Atwood, John M., Philadelphia, 1 vol.
Barrows. Rev. C. E., 2 vols.
Boston City Government, per J. D. Philbrick, 1 vol.
Boston City Government, 5 vols.
Boston Mercantile Library, 1 vol.
Boston Public Library, Bulletins.
Brinley, Francis, 1 vol., 1 pph.
Brooks, Rev. C. T., 1 vol., 3 pphs..
Brooks, Sidney, 1 vol.
Channing, Dr. William F., 6 vols. and large photograph of Dr. William E. Channing.
Cincinnati Public Library, 1 vol.
Cozzens, James G., 1 vol.
Cranston, Robert B., 1 pph.
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
Gannett, Rev. E. S., per C. T. Brooks, Map of Newport, 1758.
Gale, E. Thompson, of Troy, 1 vol.
Genin, John N., 1 vol.
Gibbs, George W., 1 vol.
Green, Samuel A., (Boston,) 1 vol., 2 pphs.
Greene Farm, Trustees of, 1 vol.
Hammett, Charles E. Jr., 1 pph.
Hazard, Thomas R., "Spiritual Magazine," continued. "Banner of Light," do.
Higginson, Col. T. W., 19 vols., 2 pphs.
Home Journal, Morris, Phillips & Co., N. Y., continued.
Ladd, John W., 128 Magazines.
Lawrence, Abbott, Boston, 1 vol.
Lawrence, William Beach, 1 vol.
Leach, Rev. Daniel, 1 pph.
Ledyard, Henry, 7 vols. 3 pphs.

- Littlefield, Mrs. William, 2 vols.
 Lyman, Charles F., 6 vols.
 Lyman, Charles, 1 vol.
 Martin, Bradley, 2 vols.
 Malcom, Rev. C. H., 1 vol.
 Mason, Robert M., 9 vols.
 Mayer, Edward, 18 vols., 20 pphs.
 Metcalf, Theron, 3 vols.
 Myers, Col. T. Bailey, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 "Massachusetts Society, for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."
 "Our Dumb Animals," continued.
 Narragansett Weekly, continued.
 New Bedford Public Library, 1 pph.
 Newton, Mrs. Edward, 2 vols.
 Newport City, 1 vol.
 New York, Mercantile Library, 2 pphs.
 Oriental Society, American, New Haven, 4 vols., 1 pph.
 Panon, Mrs. Marcus, 102 vols.
 Penn Monthly, continued.
 Phillips, Henry M., (Philadelphia), 1 vol.
 Powel, Samuel, "Proceedings of Nat. Hist. Society of Philadelphia,"
 continued; "American Naturalist," continued; "Journal of
 Chemistry," continued.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Providence City Government, 1 vol.
 Ramsay, Alexander, Minnesota, 1 vol.
 Ray, Robert, 2 pphs.
 Rhode Island, State of, 2 vols.
 Rogers, Mrs. Maria DeWolf, 413 vols.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Institute, 7 pphs.
 Seabury, Thomas M., "Watchman and Reflector," continued.
 Sherman Isaac, of New York, 1 vol.
 Sharp, William, 1 vol.
 Spooner, Thomas, Reading, Ohio, 1 vol.
 Story, Franklin H., Bust of Judge Story, and 12 vols.
 Taber, Mrs. Thos. R., New Bedford, 2 vols.
 Taylor, John J., 3 vols.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 6 vols.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, 7 vols., Religious Magazine, continued.
 United States, per Chief of Engineers, 3 vols.
 " " per Quartermaster General, 1 pph.
 " " per T. W. Jenckes, 18 vols.
 " " Agricultural Department, 1 vol.
 " " Interior Department, 28 vols.

United States, Library of Congress, 1 pph.

“ “ Navy Department, 1 vol.

“ “ Smithsonian Institute, 3 vols.

“ “ State Department, per William Hunter, 13 vols.

Washburne, Emory, 1 pph.

Waterston, Rev. R. C., 1 vol.

Wetmore G. Peabody, Map of Newport, 1777 ; do. 1840; 80 Magazines; 96 pphs.; 1 quarto vol.

Winston Frederick S. of New York, 2 vols.

Winthrop, Robert C., 4 pphs.

Worcester, Public Library, 1 pph.

Wormeley, Miss K. P., 1 vol., 1 pph.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. OWNERS OF "PREFERRED SHARES," \$100.

George A. Hammett,
Nathan Matthews,
Henry Ledyard,
Charles H. Malcom,
George H. Norman,
Frederick Tompkins,
Alfred Smith,
William P. Sheffield,
Miss Sarah Gibbs,
Edith M. K. Wetmore,
Charles H. Russell,
Isaac Sherman, of N. Y.,
Richard Cornell,
William C. Cozzens,
Henry S. Sanford,
William H. Ashhurst,
Robert L. Kennedy,
John Foster,
Robert S. Hone.
James T. Rhodes,
William W. Tucker,
Earl P. Mason,

George W. Gibbs,
Seth W. Macy,
Austin L. Sands,
Robert H. McCurdy,
Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Robert J. Taylor,
Stephen H. Norman,
George Peabody Wetmore,
Annie D. Wetmore,
William H. Russell,
Hamilton Hoppin,
Sidney Brooks,
Joseph Sampson,
Alexander Van Rensselaer,
Edwin D. Morgan,
Samuel Powel,
Robert M. Mason,
Samuel W. Butler,
Edward M. Willett,
George F. Parkman,
William S. Caldwell.

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

Ailman, Benjamin H.
Allan, Erastus P.
Allan, W. S. N.
Allen, Samuel
Almy, Margarette G.
Anderson, Elbert J.
Anderson, Martha M.

Anthony, Mary
Atkinson, James
Bailey, Joseph I.
Bailey, Samuel C.
Barber, Charles P.
Barker, Robert S.
Barreda, F. L.

Beck, Henry Paul
 Berry, Robert P.
 Birkhead James
 Bliss, William H.
 Boit, Edward D.
 Bowen, George
 Bowen, Stephen
 Bowler, William
 Bradford, Joseph
 Bradford, Mrs. R. M.
 Breese, Thomas
 Brinley, Edward H.
 Brinley, Edward L.
 Brinley, Francis
 Bronson, Arthur
 Brown, John A.
 Brown, John Carter
 Brown, Samuel
 Brownell, William
 Buffum, Thomas B.
 Bull, Henry
 Burdick, J. Truman
 Bush, John T.
 Bush, Augustus
 Cahoon, Stephen
 Caflender, Elizabeth
 Calvert, George H.
 Carey, John
 Caswell, John R.
 Caswell, Philip
 Chase, Gilbert
 Chase, Sarah I.
 Child, Rev. William S.
 Church, First Baptist
 Church, Unitarian
 Clarke, Harriet
 Clarke, William A.
 Coe, Adam S.
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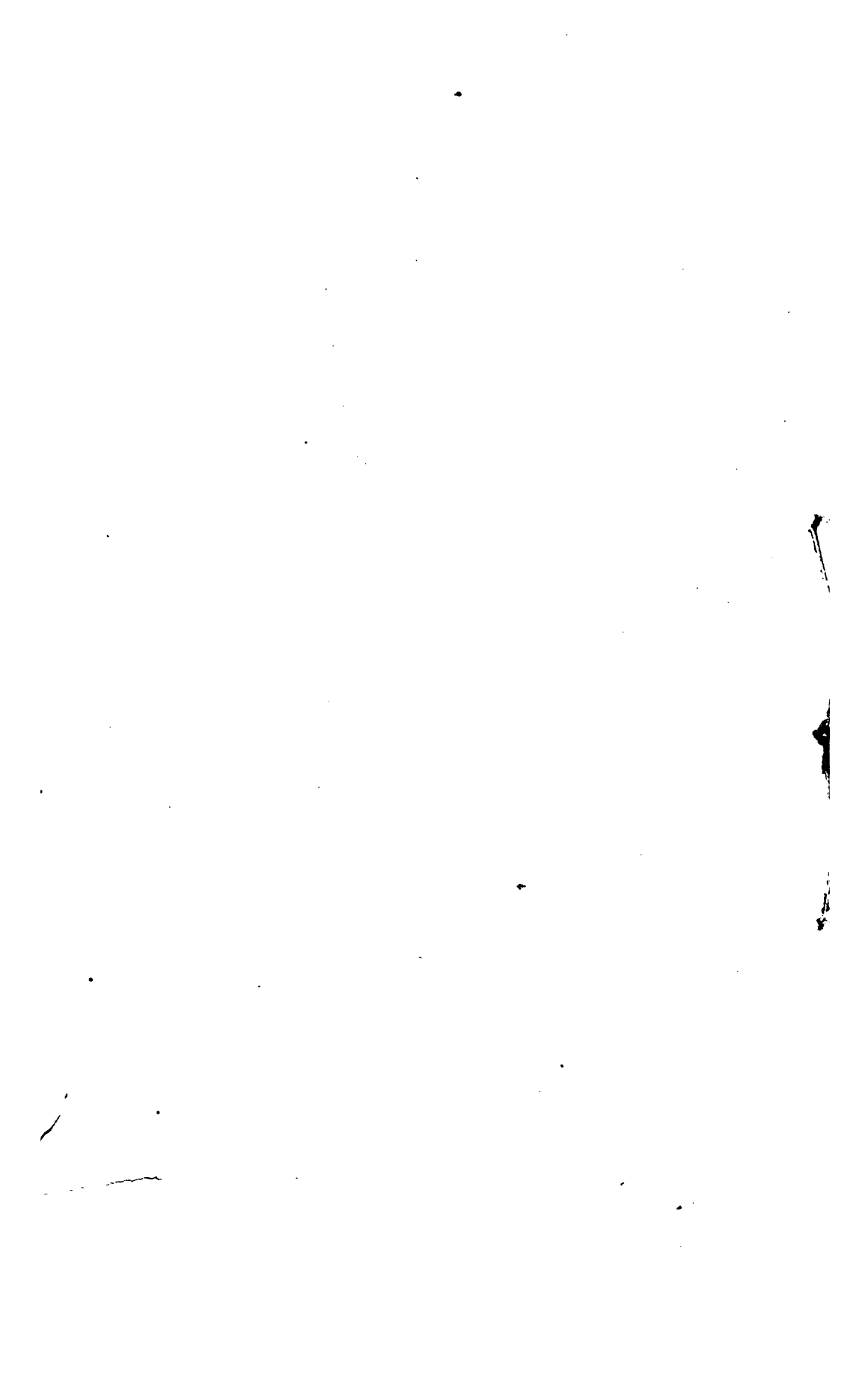
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 Dame, Jonathan
 Deblois, John S.
 Dennis, John D.
 Denniston, George
 Dumont, J. Ludlow
 Dunn, Theophilus C.
 Dunn, Thomas
 Edgar, William
 Eldred, John
 Ellery, Mary G.
 Engs, George
 Engs, John S.
 Engs, Samuel
 Ennis, Caroline W.
 Fay, Henry H.
 Field, John W.
 Finch, Benjamin
 Fludder, William
 Freeborn, Michael
 Gibbes, R. Morgan
 Gilpin, William
 Goffe, Augustus
 Goffe, Emma
 Goffe, Ernest
 Gould, David J.
 Gould, Stephen
 Gould, Nathan H.
 Gray, Louisa F.
 Greene, John H.
 Greene, Dr. Nathaniel
 Green, George W.
 Griswold, J. N. A.
 Gyles, Charles
 Hall, George
 Hamilton, William
 Hammett, Charles E. Jr.

Hammett, James H.
 Hammett, John V.
 Hammett, Elizabeth
 Hammett, Robert W.
 Hammond, Zenas L.
 Hart, Joseph M.
 Hazard, Benjamin
 Hazard, Benjamin, of T. G.
 Hazard, Charlotte T.
 Hazard, George A.
 Hazard, Henry B.
 Hazard, Isaac P.
 Hazard, James L.
 Hazard, John Alfred
 Hazard, John A., of T. G.
 Hazard, Rowland R. Jr.
 Hazard, Theophilus Dunn
 Hazard, Thomas Hull
 Hazard, William R.
 Higginson, Thomas W.
 Hoffman, Susan O.
 Howland, Benjamin B.
 Hunter, Charles
 Hunter, Rebecca
 Hunter, Thomas R.
 Ives, Robert H.
 Kane, Delancey
 King, Caroline
 King, David
 King, Edward
 King, George
 King, William H.
 Kuhn, Charles
 Ladd, John W.
 Lawrence, William B.
 Lawrence, S. Abbott
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 Ledyard, Lewis Cass
 Lemont, Mary D.
 Leverett, William

Littlefield, Augustus N.
 Lyman, Charles T.
 Lyon, Joseph
 Lyon, Joseph M.
 Marsh, I. W. R.
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 Mauran, James E.
 Melvill, Benjamin S.
 Mercer, William N.
 Middleton, Henry A.
 Morris, Henry
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 Newton, Mary
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 Peckham, Felix
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 Pell, Duncan C.
 Pell, Mrs. Walden
 Pearson, John
 Phinney, Theodore W.
 Potter, Oliver
 Pray, Harley W.
 Ray, Robert
 Reynolds, Gardner B.
 Rhineland, F. W.
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 Richardson, George H.

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 Ruggles, Mary
 Russell, Harry
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 Sears, David
 Sherman, Albert K.
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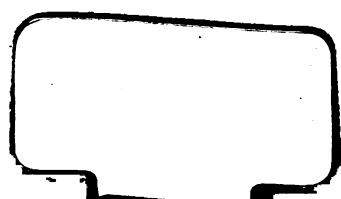
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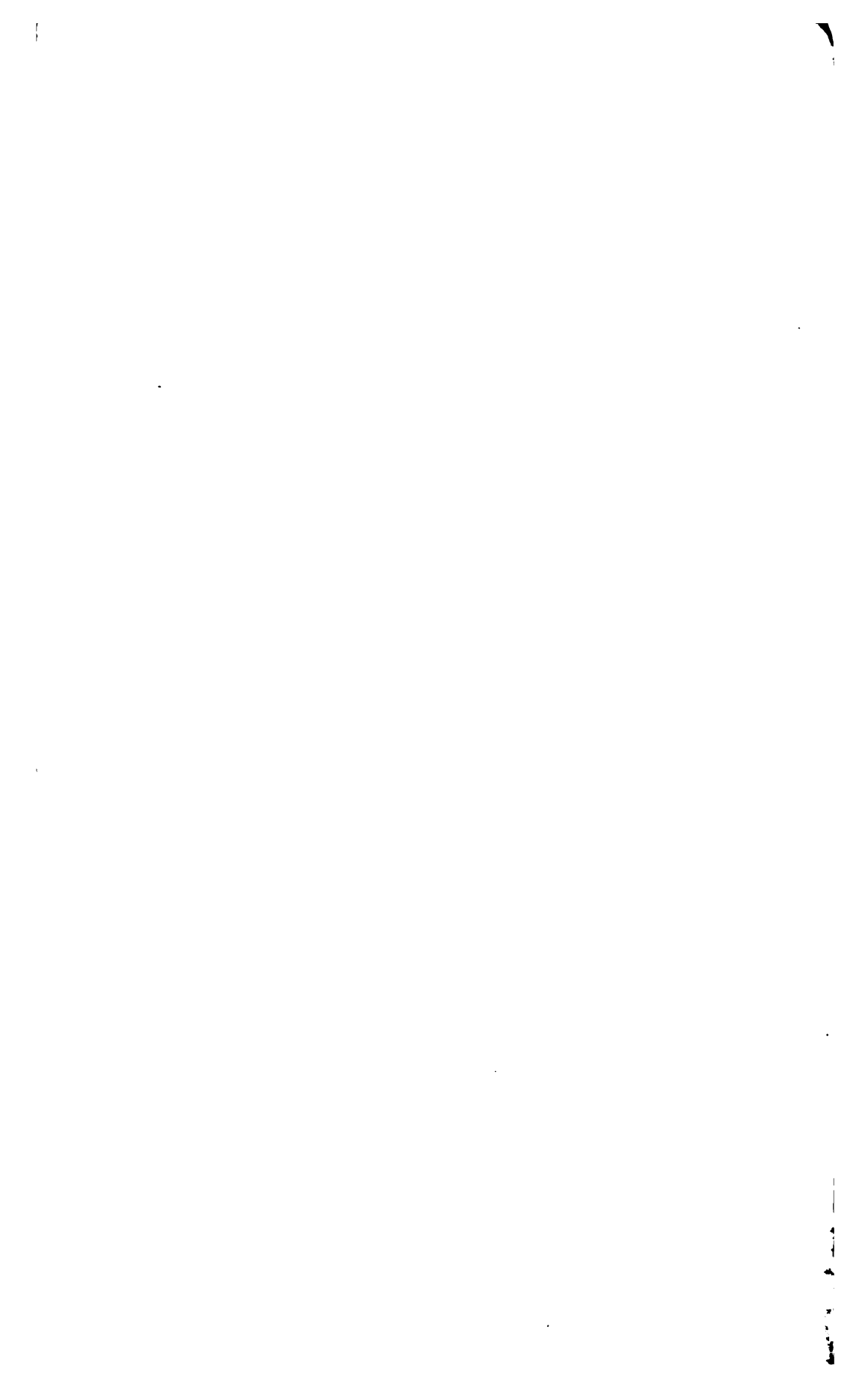
OF THE
DIRECTORS

OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,
TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1872.

NEWPORT:
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1872.



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Benjamin H. Rhoades, Librarian.
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OFFICERS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1872-3.

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HENRY LEDYARD.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

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TREASURER,

RICHARD CORNELL.

RECORDING AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Librarian.*

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ON BOOKS.

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JAMES E. MAURAN.

ON FINANCE.*

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JOHN CARTER BROWN.

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AUSTIN L. SANDS, CHARLES H. MALCOM,
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ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

SAMUEL POWEL, STEPHEN H. NORMAN,
HENRY H. FAY.

ON ENLARGEMENT AND REPAIRS.

HAMILTON HOPPIN, JOHN T. BUSH, SAMUEL ENGS,
SAMUEL POWEL.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT,
WILLIAM GILPIN.

ON EXPENDITURES.

SAMUEL ENGS, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
AUGUSTUS D. SMALL.

* The Treasurer, ex-officio, member of this Committee.

~~The~~ The President, ex-officio, member of all Committees

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At the Annual Meeting September 25, 1872:

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 25, 1872.

At the hour appointed, the HON. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the Proprietors being present, as follows :

James Atkinson,
Joseph Bradford,
Edward D. Boit,
Francis Brinley,
John T. Bush,
Stephen Cahoon,
Richard Cornell,
Wm. Cornell,
George Cozzens,
Wm. C. Cozzens,
George Engs,
John S. Engs,
Samuel Engs,
Henry H. Fay,
James Fludder,

Wm. Fludder,
Wm. Gilpin,
Nathan H. Gould,
George W. Green,
Benj. Hazard, (of T. G.)
James L. Hazard,
Thomas W. Higginson,
Hamilton Hoppin,
Thomas R. Hunter,
David King,
Joseph M. Lyon,
Charles H. Malcom,
George C. Mason,
Robert M. Mason,
James E. Mauran,

Dudley Newton,	Marshall Slocum,
Stephen H. Norman,	Augustus D. Small,
Felix Peckham,	James H. Taylor,
Thomas P. Peckham,	Frederick Tompkins,
Oliver Potter,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Benj. H. Rhoades,	Charles C. Van Zandt,
James T. Rhodes,	Adoniram J. Ward,
George A. Richmond,	Henry N. Ward,
Robert Sherman,	Joseph B. Weaver,

George H. Wilson,—

and one hundred and one proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Miss Martha M. Anderson,	Mary Laurette Rhoades,
Miss Rosalie Redwood Anderson,	George H. Richardson,
William S. Caldwell,	David Sears,
George J. Campbell,	George Terrill,
James Fludder,	George W. Wales,

William C. Langley.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report, read by the Treasurer, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by WILLIAM C. COZZENS, President, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The President then read the report of the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs;" [note, * see close of Report.] Also certain Resolutions passed by the Board respecting the expediency of repealing the Resolutions passed at the annual meeting, Sept. 30, 1868.

On motion of Col. T. W. Higginson,

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Enlargement and the Resolutions, be laid on the table for the present, and that the Company proceed to the election of officers.

Before proceeding to the election, the President, Hon. WM. C. COZZENS, stated that he declined being a candidate for re-election, whereupon

Mr. N. H. Gould nominated Mr. EDWARD KING for President.

Col. Higginson nominated Mr. HENRY LEDYARD for President.

The meeting having been informed by a letter from Mr. Edward King, (he being absent in Europe,) that he declined being a candidate, the Hon. HENRY LEDYARD was unanimously elected as President, and Mr. EDWARD KING, as Vice-President.

The Company then proceeded to the election of Directors.

On motion of Mr. H. H. Fay,

Voted, That twenty-five Directors be elected on one ballot.

After the distribution of printed tickets, the Secretary and Treasurer, as appointed by the charter to count the votes, with the assistance of Mr. George C. Mason, reported that the following named gentlemen were elected.

DIRECTORS.

Sidney Brooks, Augustus N. Littlefield, John T. Bush, Wm. P. Sheffield, Charles T. Brooks, Hamilton Hoppin, Charles H. Malcom, Richard Cornell, Charles C. Van Zandt, William A. Clarke, Samuel Engs, James T. Rhodes, George W. Gibbs, Francis Brinley, Wm. Gilpin, John Carter Brown, George P. Wetmore, Austin L. Sands, James E. Mauran, Hamilton B. Tompkins, Stephen H. Norman, Augustus D. Small, T. W. Higginson, Henry H. Fay, Samuel Powel.

RICHARD CORNELL was chosen *Treasurer*.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES was chosen *Recording and Corresponding Secretary*.

The subject, which was laid on the table for the choice of officers, was now resumed, and Mr. Hamilton Hoppin protested against the Report of the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs" as irregular, and offered the following Resolutions, which were passed.

Resolved, That the Redwood Library Company do re-affirm their action had in 1868, in relation to the plans for the enlargement of the Library Building.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby empowered to proceed to erect so much of the improvements to the Library Building, in conformity to the plans of Mr. Richard M. Hunt, as can be accomplished for a sum not exceeding *twenty thousand dollars*.

Messrs. James E. Mauran, Henry H. Fay and Stephen Gould, were chosen a Committee to examine the books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

It was unanimously *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor.

The Auditing Committee were appointed to transfer the books of the late Treasurer to the new Treasurer.

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1872.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, have the pleasure to present to the Stockholders a report of their doings for the year ending September 25, 1872.

One hundred and forty-two years have been added to the calendar of time since the first movement to establish a literary society in this place, which resulted in the incorporation of the REDWOOD LIBRARY by a Charter from Gideon Wanton, the Colonial Governor of this colony during the reign of George the Second, King of Great Britain, &c., &c., since which time, through the vicissitudes and changes which have occurred, this Institution has passed through many periods of adversity and prosperity.

In reviewing our successes since the 'new departure,' in 1856, we have cause for gratitude to the many liberal friends of the Library, who have in so many ways contributed to its prosperity.

The entire valuation of the Library property, including edifice books, pictures and the lot, was only twenty-three thousand dollars at that time; since which, by sale of shares, by subscriptions, donations and bequests, and contributions of books, stationery, statuary and pictures, the property has increased in value over one hundred thousand dollars.

This marked success in so short a period, may be attributed to an active, wise and liberal policy, in making the Library and Reading Room attractive as a place of general meeting of its stockholders, as well as all others who may be desirous of visiting the Library and inspecting its treasures.

The name and prestige of the Redwood Library, as a point of interest in the attractions of Newport, is equalled only by our climate and beautiful location on the bosom of the ocean. During the season now drawing to a close, the same large average of transient daily

visitors, as in former years, of five hundred and upwards per day, has been noticed ; and on one day there were at least one thousand people within its walls.

We feel that this Institution is doing its share in promoting the growth and increasing the business of Newport ; and we look forward with confidence for an increased interest in its proposed extension, as a means of securing a prosperous future.

In our last Annual Report, we were encouraged to believe that the subscription of ten thousand dollars, necessary to secure the generous offer of our fellow-townsmen, George W. Gibbs, Esq., of ten thousand dollars, on condition that an equal sum should be raised by subscription for the enlargement of the Library, would be accomplished ; and it is with great pleasure that we are able to report the amount secured, which has been all collected by trustees of the Gibbs' building fund, created by this Board, and temporarily invested by them, on deposit with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, subject to a participation in the profits of that Institution, and probably yielding an interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, until required for the purposes for which it was given.

Circumstances have prevented the Directors from proceeding with the proposed enlargement. The committee to whom this matter was entrusted, on reviewing the action of the Corporation at their annual meeting in 1868, and the plans submitted and adopted at that meeting, but which were not carried out for want of means, have, in consideration of the time that has elapsed, and the increased funds now in hand for that object, thought that some plan, more available or in accordance with the present style of the Library, would be more acceptable to the stockholders, and they presented a report at our meeting in July, that they had devoted much time to the consideration of the subject, and suggested a plan entirely different from the one adopted. We present, herewith, the report of that committee, with the vote of this Board, referring back to the Corporation the whole subject, suggesting that the expediency of repealing the Resolutions of September, 1868, may be considered, and asking that such action may be taken on the report of the Committee as the Corporation shall deem best.

Since our last annual meeting, another of the early friends of the Library, a native of Newport, and son of a former Librarian, has been gathered to his fathers. WILLIAM SANFORD ROGERS, of Boston, son of the late Robert Rogers, of Newport, after an absence of fifty

years and upwards, and dying in his adopted home, made provision, by his Will, that his mortal remains should be brought to Newport and interred with his ancestors. The City of Newport, for educational purposes, has been largely enriched by his munificence, and our Library has received the handsome sum of four thousand dollars, which has been invested in the Savings Bank, of Newport, in the name of the "*William S. Rogers' Book Fund of the Redwood Library*," by vote of the Directors accepting the same, in compliance with his request that the income only should be annually applied to the purchase of books.

The Directors, at their meeting accepting the foregoing bequest, also "*Voted*, that all gifts or bequests of money for special objects, should be credited on the Treasurer's books, in the name of the benefactor, for the object specified, and deposited in the Savings Bank, of Newport."

We have received from Dr. HAMMETT, a gift of one hundred dollars towards the general expenses, and from JOSEPH H. PATTEN, Esq., of New York, a portrait of his father, the late WILLIAM PATTEN, D. D., for many years identified with Newport, as pastor of the Second Congregational Church.

We report with pleasure the continued remembrance of the Library by our Members of Congress, and others from whom many valuable books and reports have been received from time to time, and which are duly acknowledged.

During the past year, the Library Rooms have been used by the Newport Historical Society, for several meetings and lectures; the privilege has also been granted for Lectures and Readings, to persons highly recommended, who were desirous of select accommodations, which in many cases were well attended by the shareholders of the Library and others. In our proposed enlargement, we hope that accommodations for such occasions may not be overlooked.

A new arrangement of the furnaces for heating the rooms, involving one new furnace and change of location of the other, last winter, was a decided success, rendering the room comfortable in the coldest weather.

The Committee on Repairs, to whom was referred the defects on the roof and around the dome, reported that they had made some needed repairs, but that some more important work was necessary, and their report, at our last meeting, was referred to the annual meeting.

The Clarke House continues to be rented satisfactorily, although its occupancy and frequent change of tenants, make necessary not only repairs on the house, but additions and repairs of furniture. Its gross income has averaged about sixteen hundred dollars per annum.

While recounting our doings and the prosperity we have enjoyed, during the past year, we are painfully reminded that one of our Board, and for thirty years the Secretary of this Company, has been removed by death from our midst. ROBERT JAMES TAYLOR, Esq., the life-long friend of this Library, whose valuable services will long be remembered, after a short but painful illness, died on the 20th of December last, at the age of 61 years. Dr. Taylor was a great reader and reviewer of all the publications as they appeared, and his judgment in the selection of new books, was always highly prized by the Book Committee.

The president called a special meeting of the Directors, at which, Resolutions, appropriate to the sad event, were passed, expressive of our sorrow at the death of our associate and friend, and sympathy for the family of the deceased in their afflicting bereavement. Copies of these Resolutions were forwarded to the family of the deceased, and printed in the newspapers of the city. The Directors attended, in a body, the funeral of Doctor Taylor, on the 23d of December, 1871.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, BENJAMIN H. RHOADES was elected *Secretary* for the remainder of the year, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Doct. Taylor.

The record of Books circulated during the year, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows:

For the year ending Sept. 1st, 1871.....	9,726
“ “ “ “ 1872.....	11,033

Increase during the year,.....1,307

Every year there is an increase in the number of those who visit the Library for the purpose of study and for using the books of reference, some even spending half of the twelve hours during which the Library is open, reading or writing in our well-lighted Reading Room.

At the date of our last Report the whole number of volumes on hand, was.....18,252

Added since by purchase,.....	161
“ “ “ donation.....	602
“ “ “ binding periodicals.....	72

Making the whole number on hand, Sept. 25th, 1872,.....19,094

Two hundred and twenty-four (224) pamphlets have been given during the last twelve months.

Since our last Report, two more of the "Special Shares" have been sold at one hundred dollars each. Fourteen have been taken by original shareholders, on payment of seventy-five dollars, and a surrender of a present twenty-five dollar share. This makes fifty "Special Shares" disposed of, and the amount received \$4,075, which constitutes the "Special Share Fund," on deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport, the income being assigned to the general uses of the Library. We again commend these shares to our present stockholders, as well as to all who desire an interest in our Library, they being transferable, like other shares, and forever free from taxes or assessments.

The following abstract from the Treasurer's account will show the particular items of expenditure and receipts for the past year :

EXPENDITURES.

New Books, Periodicals and Newspapers.....	\$575 00
Binding Account and Printing.....	324 32
Salaries of Librarian and Assistant.....	1,142 00
Lighting Rooms.....	107 09
Fuel.....	154 10
Insurance.....	155 00
Incidental.....	419 19
Furniture and Repairs of the Clarke House.....	589 63
New Furnace, &c.....	210 79

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders and temporary subscribers...	1,715 30
Income of the Clarke Estate.....	1,700 00
Income from "Book Funds,".....	138 56
Income from "Special Share Fund,".....	196 47

The property, Invested Funds, and balances on hand, and due the Library, are as follows :

The Library Lot, edifice and contents, estimated at....	\$93,000 00
" Clarke Estate, including furniture, "	17,054 52
" Special Share Fund invested in the Savings' Bank,	4,075 00
" Permanent Book Fund, the bequest of late Hon. Geo. G. King, (in the Savings Bank).....	1,000 00

The Wm. S. Rogers Book Fund, in the Savings Bank..	\$4,000 00
“ Robert Rogers Memorial Book Fund, U. S. Registered Gold Bond.....	1,000 00
“ Balance of season’s rent of Clarke House, due Oct. 1,	600 00
Balance in the Treasury....	829 69
“ The Gibbs Building Fund, on deposit with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company.....	20,025 00
Total.....	\$141,584 21

Although the contents of the Library have increased very much within a few years, we have only added ten thousand dollars to the insurance. One of the companies in which we had policies, failed by the Chicago fire, and from that office we received a return premium, and obtained a new policy elsewhere. The amount insured, forty-five thousand five hundred (\$45,500) dollars, is distributed as follows :

On Library edifice.....	\$11,500 00
“ Books.....	20,000 00
“ Pictures and Statuary.....	7,000 00
“ Furniture.....	1,000 00
“ Clarke House and Furniture.....	6,000 00
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	\$45,500 00

In consequence of the illness of the Rev. Mr. Brooks, and the death of Doct. Taylor, two members of the “Book Committee” during the year, the addition of new books, by purchase, has been very much smaller than the funds for that object would warrant, and less than was expected. With the means on hand, and the income from funds for that special object, very liberal additions of new works may be expected the coming year.

In making this flattering exhibit of the condition of the Library, on this anniversary, with all our bills paid, and no indebtedness known to this Board, we may well hope for the continued prosperity and usefulness of this Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
for the Directors.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON "ENLARGEMENT AND REPAIRS."

The Committee on enlargement and repairs beg leave to report,—
That they have devoted much time and attention to the consideration of the subject of another *addition to the Library Building*, with the liberal means furnished by the donations of Mr. Gibbs and other generous individuals.

The failure to carry out the suggestions for an addition, as contemplated in 1868, has given time and opportunity to reconsider the subject, with the possession of larger means now at the command of the Library Company, and to consult what appear to be the prevailing views, not only of the contributors of these means, but of many other friends of the Library, viz., that any new erection should harmonize and be in accord with the architectural design of the existing edifice.

While fully recognizing this sentiment, expressed, too, as it was in the last annual Report made to this Corporation by Mr. PRESIDENT KING, that "the past associations connected with our original structure have been wisely regarded in the alterations to which it has been already subjected, and should be considered in any future enlargement," the Committee, in now presenting suggestions of a Design, quite different from that of 1868, and more simple, would wish to be clearly understood as offering no criticism of the design of that time inimical to its talented author, whose well known architectural ability is so elaborately displayed and appreciated, both here and elsewhere, nor to any member of the committee who reported it.

The views of this Committee, and their recommendations, now unanimously presented, are: That the Clarke House, in the rear of the Library, should be moved to the eastern side of the Clarke lot, allowing to it a sufficient portion of the lot with a frontage of sixty-three feet on Redwood street. The future of these premises, so diminished, may be decided on hereafter by the Board, who may rent or otherwise dispose of the property as they may find to be necessary or advantageous to the Library Company.

The removal of the Clarke House will furnish ample space, (with a front on Redwood street of about 70 feet,) on which a structure, in perfect harmony with the present edifice, and affording all the room required, may be built.

The sketch of a ground plan, now presented, suggests a large room on the east side of the Reading Room which was erected in 1858, using the brick wall thereof, having an area of about 40 by 50 feet, with a Vestibule on the north, and a Directors' Room on the south for business meetings; at other times to be used by the Librarian, and probably useful for other purposes. The large room will furnish facilities for shelving books, not only on the sides, up to a convenient height, but also, by means of a gallery, approached by a light and graceful flight of steps on either side.

The whole to be lighted from above.

Underneath the large room, provision can be made for a convenient Lecture Room, at some future day, by laying the foundation walls of a sufficient depth to secure the required height of ceiling. A suitable entrance-way, from Redwood street to such Lecture Room, should be provided for.

The exterior of the north front of the proposed building to be built of olive stone, a color well suited to the other parts of the structure.

The east and south sides may be of less expensive stone, or of brick.

The Committee thus present a general view of their recommendations, without entering into minute details. These, it will be the duty of the architect, who may be selected, to furnish, when a carefully studied plan shall be prepared. Until that is done, no reliable estimate of the cost of the building, with its various appointments, can be given. At this period of workingmen's strikes, and of enhanced values of material, responsible contractors do hesitate to enter into engagements for early work of much magnitude.

While the Committee would, therefore, now ask the Board of Directors to decide only on the two points presented for their decision, 1st, of removing the Clarke House; and, 2d, of fixing on the locality of the new structure as here proposed, they are not prepared, for the reasons given, to recommend the immediate commencement of the contemplated work beyond the preparatory removal of the Clarke House during the ensuing autumn.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,	} Committee.
SIDNEY BROOKS,	
A. N. LITTLEFIELD,	
WM. C. COZZENS,	

NEWPORT, JULY 5TH, 1872.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were passed July 8th, 1872 :—

WHEREAS, At the Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 30th, 1868, the following Resolutions were read and adopted, to wit :—

Resolved, That this Corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, architect, for proposed improvements of the Library, as presented by the Board of Directors, and referred to this meeting.

Resolved, That the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library Building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds, by subscription, or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation, as may be necessary":—

AND, WHEREAS, The difficulty of satisfactorily effecting a loan, and other causes, have prevented any action by the Directors, as contemplated by said Resolutions ; and inasmuch as the fiscal condition, and pecuniary resources of the Corporation have very largely improved during the past year, now, therefore,

It is Resolved, By the Board of Directors, That the subject be referred back to the next annual meeting of the Corporation, in September, and that notice thereof be given in the call for said meeting, to consider the expediency of repeating the Resolutions of September 30, 1868, and taking such other action, in regard to an enlargement of the Library Building, as the Corporation shall deem best.

OBITUARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, December 21st, 1871 :—

Resolved, That the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, receive the intelligence of the death of ROBERT J. TAYLOR, with sincere regret at the loss of a respected associate and honest man.

Resolved, That we retain a grateful appreciation of his faithful and exact service as Secretary of this Institution for thirty consecutive years, as well as of the nice discrimination and judgment he exhibited in the selection of many of the volumes which adorn the Library.

Resolved, That, with the whole community, we recognize the benevolent and upright nature of Doctor Taylor in private life, and the active fidelity in the various public offices so frequently confided to him by the people of Newport.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of Doctor Taylor, we will, as a body, attend his funeral on Saturday, December 23d, 1871, from his late residence, at the corner of Mount Vernon and Sherman streets, at eleven o'clock. A. M.

Resolved, That the Library be closed during the funeral services.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be published in the newspapers of the City, and in our Annual Report.

Resolved, That an attested copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

DR. REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM in account with GEORGE COZZENS, Treasurer. Cr.

1872.	Sept. 25.	To payments for Book Account,	-	\$999 32	1871.	Sept. 26.	Balance on hand,	-	-	\$537 08
"	"	" " Expense account,	-	1,046 77	"	1872.		-	-	
"	"	" " B. H. Rhoades, Librarian,	-	1,000 00	"	June 6.	Gift of George A Hammett,	-	-	100 00
"	"	" " J. G. Johnson, Ass't.	-	142 00	"	Sept. 25.	Rent received from Clarke Estate,	-	-	1,700 00
"	"	" " Repairs and Furniture,	-		"	"	" Amount of Collections from Annual Tax, and Rent of Shares,	-	-	1,715 30
"	"	" " Clarke Estate,	-	589 63	"		Received Robert Rogers Memorial Fund,	-	-	1,000 00
"	"	" " Deposited in Savings Bank, Preferred Share Fund,	-	1,250 00	"	"	" bequest of Wm. Sanford Rogers,	-	-	4,000 00
"	"	" " William S. Rogers Book Fund,	-	4,000 00	"	"	" Dividend on Book Fund, Savings Bank,	-	-	71 22
"	"	" " United States Registered Gold Bond,	-	1,000 00	"	"	" Dividend Special Share Fund,	-	-	196 47
		Balance on hand,	-	829 69	"	"	" Coupons, Robert Rogers Memorial Fund,	-	-	67 34
					"	"	" Sale of picture,	-	-	200 00
					"	"	" " 16 "Preferred Shares,"	-	-	1,250 00
				\$10,857 41						\$10,857 41

WE, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers, as per statement above, and find them correct.

NEWPORT, Sept. 25, 1872.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER,
CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR. } Auditors.

APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS' BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$10,000	Henry S. Fearing,	100
George Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Frederick Sheldon,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	J. Winthrop Chandler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm. F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.,	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm. A. Clarke,	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson,	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A Friend to the Library,	100	William Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer,	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
John Foster,	100	Total,	\$20,025 00

The following is a list of all the **GIFTS** to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities during the year:

Beck, H. P., Three original shares in Redwood Library.
 Boston Public Library, Bulletins.
 Botta Vincenzo, 2 vols.
 Brewerton, Mrs. George, 14 Nos. Magazines.
 Brighton, (Mass.) Holton Library, 1 vol.
 Brinley, Hon. F., 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Brown Jacob B., 1 pph.
 Brown, John, 2 vols.
 Brown, John Carter, 9 vols.
 Burlingham, Thomas, 1 vol., 5 pphs.
 Calvert, Hon., George H., 1 vol.
 Cook Miss Sarah, 2 vols.
 Curtis Daniel S., Boston, 1 pph. Curiosities.
 Eyre, Wilson, 5 vols., 29 nos. Magazines.
 Friend of the Library, 20 volumes.
 Goodwin, Miss Juliet H., 1 vol.
 Greene, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, 3 pphs,
 Haight, Mrs. 4 vols.
 Hammett, Dr. George A., 1 pph., \$100 cash.
 Higginson, Col. T. W., 23 vols.
 Hazard Thomas R., "Spiritual Magazine" continued, and "Banner of Light," ditto.
 Hoadley Charles J., Hartford, 3 vols.
 Holgate, Mrs. A. H., 5 vols.
 Homans, J. Smith, N. Y., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, Geo. Perry & Morris Phillips, continued.
 Johnson, Joseph G., 3 vols.
 Ladd, John W., 128 nos. magazines.
 Lawrence, Abbott, Boston, 1 pph.
 Lawrence, Hon. Wm. B., 2 vols., 1 pph.
 Leach, Rev. Daniel, 1 pph.
 Ledyard, Henry, 5 vols., 1 pph.
 Ludlow, Mrs. C. A., steel engraved portrait, 1 pph.
 Lyman Charles, 3 vols.
 Massachusetts, State of, 2 vols.
 Mason Robert M., 1 vol.
 Mauran James E., 1 vol. "Nation," continued.
 Myers, Col. T., Bayley, 1 vol.
 Narragansett Weekly, continued.
 Newport, City of, 1 vol.
 Newton, Mass, 2 pphs.
 New York Merc. Library, 1 vol.

- Northam, Miss Caroline M., Curiosities from California.
 "Our Dumb Animals," continued.
 Patten, Joseph H., portrait.
 Peabody Institute, Baltimore, 1 vol., 7 pphs.
 Peckham John, 10 vols.
 Penn Monthly, continued.
 Potter, Thos. Bayley, 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Powel, Hon. Samuel, "American Naturalist," continued ; "Boston
 Journal Chemistry," continued.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Providence, City of, 1 vol.
 Rhode Island, State of, 2 vols.
 "Rogers' Memorial Fund," continued, 266 vols., total 679.
 Russell, Charles H., 8 vols., 144 pphs..
 Saint Louis Public School Library, 1 vol. 3 pphs.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Institute, 12 pphs.
 San Francisco, Cal., Mechanics Institute, 1 vol.
 Seabury, Thomas M., "Watchman and Reflector," continued.
 Smith, Miss Harriet, 6 vols.
 Sheffield, Hon. Wm. P., 3 nos. magazines, "Nation" continued.
 Sharp, William, 4 Chromos.
 Sprague, Hon. Wm., 1 vol.
 Taylor, John J., 5 vols.
 Thompson, Frederick, N. Y., 1 vol.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 9 vols.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, "Religious Magazine" continued.
 United States Agricultural Dept., 1 vol.
 " " Engineer " 3 vols., per Gen. A. Humphreys.
 " " Interior " 47 vols.
 " " Library of Congress, 1 pph.
 " " Pat't Office "Official Gazette," per Hon. H. B. Anthony.
 " " Smithsonian Institute, 2 vols.
 " " State Dept., 19 vols., 9 pphs., per Hon. Wm. Hunter.
 " " Treasury Department, 2 vols.
 Vernon, Miss E. E., 183 numbers magazines.
 Vernon, Thomas, manuscript.
 Waring, Col. George E., 2 pphs.
 Waterston, Rev. R. C., 1 pph.
 Watson, Winslow M., 1 pph.
 Winthrop, Hon. R. C., 6 pphs.
 Worcester Public Library, 1 pph.
 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 28 vols.
 Yznaga, Mrs., 2 vols.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "PREFERRED SHARES" OF \$100.

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	Parkman, George F.
Anderson, Miss Rosalie Redwood	Powel, Samuel
Ashhurst, William H.	Ray, Robert
Brooks, Sidney	Rhodes, James T.
Butler, Samuel W.	Russell, Charles H.
Caldwell, Wm. S.	Russell, Wm. H.
Cornell, Richard	Sampson, Joseph
Cozzens, Wm. C.	Sands, Austin L.
Foster, John	Sanford, Henry S.
Gibbs, George W.	Sears, David
Gibbs, Miss Sarah	Sheffield, Wm. P.
Hammett, George A.	Sherman, Isaac
Hone, Robert S.	Smith, Alfred
Hoppin, Hamilton	Taylor, Robert J.
Kennedy, Robert L.	Tompkins, Frederick
Ledyard, Henry	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
McCurdy, Robert H.	Tucker, William W.
Macy, Seth W.	Van Rensselaer, Alexander
Malcom, Charles H.	Wales, George W.
Mason, Earl P.	Wetmore, Miss Annie D.
Mason, Robert M.	Wetmore, Miss Edith K. M.
Mathews, Nathan	Wetmore, George Peabody
Morgan, Edwin D.	Wetmore, Samuel
Norman, George H.	Wetmore, William Boerum
Norman, Stephen H.	Willett, Edward M.

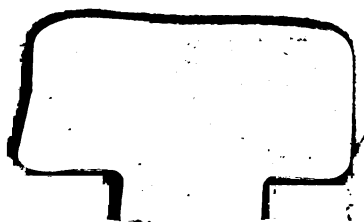
2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

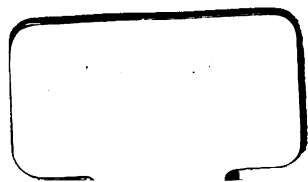
Ailman, Benjamin H.	1	Almy, Margarette G.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Anthony, Mary	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Atkinson, James	1
Allen, Samuel	1	Bailey, Joseph I.	2

Bailey Samuel C.	1	Coggeshall, John S.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Coggeshall, Thomas	1
Barreda, Frederick L.	8	Coit, Benjamin W.	1
Beck, Henry Paul	1	Congdon, John C.	1
Berry, Robert P.	2	Congdon, Wm. P.	1
Birckhead, James	1	Cook, George I.	1
Bliss, Wm. H.	1	Cornell, Richard	2
Boit, Edward D.	4	Cornell, William	1
Bowen, George	1	Cottrell, Michael	1
Bowen, Stephen	1	Cottrell, Silas H.	1
Bowler, Wm.	1	Cozzens, George	1
Bradford, Joseph	1	Cozzens, Henry W.	1
Bradford, Mrs. Rebecca M.	1	Cozzens, John H.	1
Breese, Thomas	1	Cranston, Robert B.	1
Brinley, Edward H.	1	Dame, Jonathan	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	Deblois, John S.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.	1
Bronson, Arthur	1	Dennis John D.	1
Brown, John A.	1	Denniston, George	1
Brown, John Carter	1	Dumont J. Ludlow	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Dunn, Theophilus C.	1
Brownell, Wm.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Edgar, William	1
Bull Henry	1	Eldred, John	4
Burdick J. Truman	1	Ellery, Mary G. & Harriet C.	1
Bush, John T.	2	Engs, George	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Engs, John S.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	2	Engs, Samuel	1
Cahoone, Stephen	1	Ennis, Caroline W.	1
Callendar, Elizabeth	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Field, John W.	1
Campbell, George I.	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Carey, John	1	Fludder, James	1
Caswell, John R.	1	Fludder, William	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Foster John	2
Chase Gilbert	1	Gibbes, R. M.	3
Chace, Sarah I.	1	Gilpin, William	1
Child. Rev. Wm. S.	1	Goffe, Augustus	1
Church, First Baptist	1	Goffe, Emma	1
Church, Unitarian	1	Gould, David J.	3
Clarke, Harriet	1	Gould, Nathan H.	1
Clarke, William A.	5	Gould, Stephen	1
Coe, Adam S.	1	Gray, Louisa F.	1
Coggeshall, David M.	1	Greene, Nathaniel	1

Green, George W.	1	Lawrence, Wm. B.	9
Greene, John H.	1	Lawton, Charles E.	1
Griswold, John N. A.	4	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Gyles, Charles	1	Lawton, Francis	1
Hall, George	1	Lawton, George	1
Hamilton, William	1	Lawton, Gideon	1
Hammett, Charles E., Jr.	2	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Hammett, Elizabeth	1	Lemont, Mary D.	1
Hammett, James H.	1	Leverett, Wm.	1
Hammett, Robert W.	1	Littlefield, Augustus N.	1
Hammond, Zenas L.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Hart, Joseph M.	3	Lyon, Joseph	1
Hazard, Benjamin	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Hazard, Benj of T. G.	1	Marsh, I. W. R.	1
Hazard, Charlotte T.	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Mason, Robert M.	3
Hazard, Isaac P.	3	Mauran, James E.	1
Hazard, George A.	1	Mellville, Benj. S.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Mercer, William N.	6
Hazard, J. Alfred	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Hazard, J. Alfred of T. G.	1	Morris, Henry	1
Hazard, Rowland R., Jr.	4	Morris, Wistar	1
Hazard, Theophilus D.	1	Munro, Rebecca	1
Hazard, Thomas H.	1	Newton, Benjamin	1
Hazard, Thos. R.	1	Newton, Dudley	2
Higginson, Thomas W.	1	Newton, Mary	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Newton, Simon	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	3	Newton, William	1
Howland, Benjamin B.	1	Norman, Stephen H.	2
Hunter, Charles	3	Ogden, Edward	2
Hunter, Rebecca E.	1	Paine, John	2
Hunter, Thomas R.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Ives, Robert H.	1	Parmenter, Henry	1
Kane, Delancey	8	Pearson, John	1
Kennedy, Robert L.	3	Peckham, Felix	1
King, Caroline	1	Peckham, Job A.	2
King, David	3	Peckham, John O.	1
King, Edward	4	Peckham, Mary E.	1
King, George G.	1	Peckham Thomas P.	1
King, William H.	8	Peckham, Wm. G., Jr.	2
Kuhn, Charles	1	Pell, Duncan C.	1
Ladd, John W.	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Langley, Wm. C.	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Lawrence, S. Abbott	1	Potter, Oliver	1

Pray, Harley W.	1	Stevens, William	1
Ray, Robert	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Rhineland, Frederick W.	1	Stoddard, John C.	2
Rhodes, James T.	3	Stout, Mrs. A. M.	1
Rhoades, Benj. H.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T.	1
Rhoades, Harriet S.	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Rhoades, Lawrence	1	Taylor, Wm. Rogers	1
Rhoades, Mary L.	1	Terrill, George	1
Richardson, George H.	1	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Tiffany, George	2
Rider, Philip	1	Tilley, Benjamin J.	1
Riley, Henry C.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B.	4
Robeson, Andrew	3	Torry, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Ruggles, Mary	1	Townsend, Edmund J.	1
Russell, Charles H.	4	Townsend, John F.	1
Russell, Harry	2	Turner, Henry E.	1
Russell, Wm. H.	1	Turner, Henry E., Jr.	1
Sanford, Wm. H.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Underwood, Charles W.	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	2	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Sherman, Edward A.	1	Vernon, Samuel B.	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Vernon, William	1
Sherman, William	1	Ward, A. J.	1
Simmons, Philip	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Slocum, Marshall C.	1	Weaver, Joseph B.	1
Small, Augustus D.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Smith, Wm. H.	1	Wetmore, Wm. B.	1
Spooner, W. H. D.	1	Wilbour, John	1
Staigg, Richard M.	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Stanton, Robert H.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Stevens, David	1	Wormeley, Miss K. P.	1





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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1873.

NEWPORT:
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ON EXPENDITURES.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At the Annual Meeting September 24, 1873.

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 24, 1873.

At the hour appointed, the HON. HENRY LEDYARD, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the Proprietors being present as follows :

Ashhurst, Wm. H.

Bradford, Joseph

Brinley, Francis

Brooks, Charles T.

Brown, Samuel

Bull, Henry Jr.

Bush, John T.

Butler, Samuel W.

Clarke, William A.

Coggeshall, John S.

Coit, Benjamin W.

Cornell, Richard

Cornell, William

Cozzens, George

Cozzens, William C.

Engs, George

Engs, John S.

Engs, Samuel

Fay, Henry H.

Fludder, James

Gibbs, Theodore K.

Gilpin, William

Gould, Nathan H.

Hammett, Charles E. Jr.

Hammond, Zenas L.

Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)

Hazard, James L.	Reynolds, Gardner B.
Higginson, Thomas W.	Rhoades, Benjamin H.
Honey, Samuel R.	Rider, Philip
Hunter, Charles	Sands, Austin L.
Ledyard, Henry	Sherman, Robert
Ledyard, Lewis Cass	Stevens, William G.
Lyon, Joseph M.	Stoddard, John C.
Macy, Seth W.	Swinburne, Daniel T.
Malcom, Charles H.	Tilton, Frederic W.
Mason, George C.	Tompkins, Frederick
Mauran, James E.	Turner, Henry E.
Norman, Stephen H.	Ward, A. Judson
Peckham, Felix	Ward, Henry N.
Peckham, Thomas P.	Willard, E. W.
Potter, Oliver	Wilson, Geo. H.

and one hundred and twenty-five proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Charles P. Barber,	Mrs. Grace Brown,
Mrs. Susan W. D'Hauteville,	Geo. Richmond Fearing,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	Samuel R. Honey,
Mrs. Abby E. Newton,	Mrs. Hannah C. Newton,
Charles C. Perkins,	Daniel Parish, Jr.
George A. Richmond,	Mrs. Anna Russell,
Wm. Gammell Seabury,	Edwin G. Spooner,
William G. Stevens,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry E. Turner, Jr.	E. W. Willard.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report, read by the Treasurer, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by HENRY LEDYARD, President, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers by ballot, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

HENRY LEDYARD, President ; EDWARD KING, Vice President.

DIRECTORS.

Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, Augustus N. Littlefield, John T. Bush, Henry E. Turner, Wm. P. Sheffield, Charles T. Brooks, Hamilton Hoppin, Charles H. Malcom, Francis Brinley, Nathan H. Gould, Richard Cornell, Charles C. Van Zandt, Wm. A. Clarke, Samuel Engs, George W. Gibbs, Seth W. Macy, Wm. Gilpin, John Carter Brown, Geo. Peabody Wetmore, Austin L. Sands, Samuel Powel, Wm. H. Ashhurst, Wm. C. Cozzens, Samuel W. Butler.

RICHARD CORNELL, *Treasurer*.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

It was *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1874.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the annual meeting on September 30, 1868, authorizing the Directors "to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the Library building by loan, and to execute such bond and mortgage on the real estate of the corporation as may be necessary," is hereby repealed.

The following Resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, by recent liberal donations to the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the means for increased accommodation for the Library and Works of Art are largely augmented since the subject was agitated in the year 1867, and **WHEREAS**, there have been and are differences of opinion in regard to the reports and plans, which have been submitted or suggested by the several Committees, to whom the subject has been heretofore referred,

Therefore *Resolved*, That all Votes and Resolutions, which have been passed and adopted since the year 1867, in reference to the question or mode of enlargement of the present edifice, and the protest offered and hastily adopted at the last annual meeting against the then "Committee of Enlargement" be, and they are hereby repealed, rescinded, and made void.

Resolved, That the whole subject of Enlargement be and it hereby is, referred to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. J. E. Mauran, H. H. Fay, and Stephen Gould, were chosen a Committee to examine the books.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr. and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1873.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, present to the Company their one hundred and forty-third Annual Report.

Since the last annual meeting vacancies have occurred in the Board by the resignation of Mr. Sidney Brooks, and the death of Mr. James T. Rhodes. Mr. Brooks has been a Director since 1858, and Mr. Rhodes since 1867, and these gentlemen will be gratefully remembered as among the most efficient and liberal friends of the Library.

Desiring to give the delinquent shareholders an opportunity of renewing their relations with the Library, the Directors appointed a Special Committee to report upon the precise number, the extent of delinquency in each case, and the course of action most expedient to be taken thereupon. The Committee reported that thirty-eight shareholders were in arrears, of these six owed assessments for one year, amounting to \$36; seven for two years, \$84; twenty-one for three years, \$378; and four for four years, \$92; in all, \$590.

Believing that there was no hope of obtaining arrears of more than one year's standing, they recommended that it would be for the best interest of the Library to excuse from arrears and readmit to full privileges those delinquent shareholders of more than one year's standing, who would pay the assessment just levied. In the case of those who, after fair notice, decline this liberal proposal, that their shares should be declared forfeited in the manner provided in the Charter.

After full consideration, the Directors, while they would gladly have dealt generously with the delinquents, decided that they had no power, under the charter, to remit fines or assessments and, accordingly, caused the legal notice of forfeiture to be given. Five shares were consequently declared forfeited, twenty-nine were voluntarily surrendered, and on four, arrears and this year's tax were paid.

At the last annual meeting, it was "Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby empowered to erect so much of the improvements to the Library Building, in conformity to the plans of Mr. Richard M. Hunt, as can be accomplished for a sum not exceeding \$20,000."

Mr. Hunt was requested to prepare working plans and specifications for the building, which were submitted to responsible contractors, who presented the following estimates:

P. G. Case & Co.,	- - - - -	\$31,500
C. H. Burdick,	- - - - -	28,900

The lowest of these propositions exceeded so largely the amount that the Directors were authorized to expend, that they instructed the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs," to refer them to the architect to ascertain what reduction could be made. A communication was received from Mr. Hunt, recommending building the two front rooms only of the proposed addition to the Library, to save expense, and executing the work as nearly as may be according to the specifications, which he believed could be done for \$20,000. This is the Architect's estimate of the probable cost of the building, reduced in size, and without any certainty that the sum named would ensure its construction agreeably to the specifications heretofore furnished to the Directors. And to this must be added the Architect's commission, the expense of fitting up the building for use, and various incidental expenses that invariably occur in the course of construction. In almost all cases the *actual* cost exceeds the *contract* price, and there is no reason that this should be an exception.

It was the opinion of the Committee, concurred in by the Directors, that the building even modified as recommended by the Architect, would cost more than the sum to the credit of the "Building Fund." In that event, the company have no means of providing for the deficiency. Apart from the interest of the funds pledged for specific purposes, our income is entirely absorbed by the expenses of management and the purchase of a few books of current value. In view, therefore, of the foregoing considerations, the high price of labor and material, the uncertainty of the labor market and the inadequacy of the fund applicable to the completion of the proposed addition agreeably to the plans and specifications heretofore furnished by the Architect, the Directors decided that it was inexpedient to take any further action towards its erection at present.

The Board having been advised that there existed serious legal objections to their appointment of "Trustees of the Gibbs Building Fund," by their resolution of January 8th, 1872, rescinded the same and requested the Trustees to transfer the amount deposited to their credit in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., and the National Bank of Rhode Island of Newport, to the credit of the "Gibbs Building Fund of the Redwood Library and Athenæum." This was done, and the whole amount subscribed to that fund is on deposit in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. on participation account, and now amounts to \$21,563.82.

The Directors recommend that the Resolution passed at the annual meeting on Sept. 30th, 1868, authorizing them "to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the Library building, by loan, and to execute such bond and mortgage on the real estate of the corporation as may be necessary" be repealed.

At the date of our last Report, the whole number of volumes on hand was - - - - - 19,094

Added since by purchase, - - - - - 271

" " " donation, - - - - - 220

" " " binding periodicals, - - - - - 46

Making the whole number on hand 1st Sept., 1873, 19,631
an increase during the year of 537 volumes.

Five hundred and thirty-five pamphlets, including magazines and reviews, have been given during the last twelve months.

The Librarian reports that there has been a great increase in the number of books called for and used at the Library for the purpose of consultation and reference.

The additions made to the Library during the year have been selected by the Book Committee with great care, and are believed to have been generally of a high character. A large number of works of permanent and general interest and value, which are not republished in this country, have been ordered from France and England, but have not been received in time to be included in this Report.

A by-law, imposing a fine for the detention of books over a specified time, was adopted some years ago by the Company, but until recently has not been enforced. By the Charter the Directors "have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company which they shall take care to have strictly enforced." In obedience to this provision, and convinced of the necessity of this by-law, the Directors have instructed the Librarian to enforce it strictly. A practice has prevailed of detaining books, not only for weeks, but for months, beyond the time allowed by the Regulations. As we are rarely able to purchase more than one copy of a work, this seriously restricts the usefulness of the Library. A few persons monopolize books, which should be at the disposition of as large a number of readers as possible, and many of the shareholders are thus deprived of their just rights. The Librarian reports that books are returned with much greater punctuality since this rule has been enforced.

With this explanation of the duty and necessity of enforcing this by-law, the Directors feel assured that the shareholders will cordially co-operate with them in maintaining, not only this, but all other regulations, calculated to extend the use of the Library to the largest number of persons.

Donations of valuable books and reports have been received from the persons and associations named in the appendix, to whom the thanks of this Institution are hereby tendered. Special acknowledgments are due to Mr. John R. French, and the officers and employes of the Senate of the United States, for their presentation of a valuable Crayon Portrait of Senator Anthony ; to E. & H. T. Anthony of New York, for 50 Stereoscopic Views of Newport, and a fine Stereoscope for their exhibition ; to our Senators and Representatives ; to Hon. William Hunter, Assist. Secr'y. of State ; to Boston Public Library, and Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., for their special and continued interest in our behalf ; and to "X. Y. Z." for a donation of \$275, towards the expenses of the Library.

Since the last Report, four more of the "Special Shares" have been sold at \$100 each ; and one taken by an original shareholder, on payment of \$75, and the surrender of a \$25 share.

The "SPECIAL SHARE FUND," on deposit in the "Savings Bank of Newport," now amounts, with interest, to \$4,841 42.

The following abstract from the Treasurer's Report shows the items of receipts and expenditures for the past year :

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders and temporary subscribers,	\$1,519 00
Fines, &c.,	21 55
Rent of Clarke House,	1,621 25
Gift from "X. Y. Z."	275 00
Interest, Robert Rogers Book Fund,	68 29
Interest, W. Sanford Rogers Book Fund,	212 45
Interest, George G. King " "	71 22
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	\$3,788 76.
Balance on hand 30th Sept. 1872,	829 69
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	\$4,618 45

EXPENDITURES.

Books, Periodicals and Newspapers,	-	-	\$644 63
Binding and Printing,	-	-	371 08
Salaries, Librarian and Assistant,	-	-	1,326 33
Incidental Expenses,	-	-	704 82
Furniture, Insurance, Repairs, &c. (Clarke House)			522 45
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			\$3,569 31
Balance 24th Sept., 1873,	-	-	1,049 14
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			\$4,618 45

It is very desirable that the payment of the annual taxes should be made promptly, and in advance instead of being delayed, as is now the case in many instances, until the middle and sometimes the close of the year. Our arrangements for the purchase of books, fuel, &c., are based upon cash payments, by which we are enabled to obtain a large discount; and unless we have the money on hand, we are obliged to delay our orders or make our purchases on credit to great disadvantage, and contrary to the declared policy of the Board. These taxes are now collected by the Librarian, who calls on the shareholders with the tax-bills. He is often obliged to apply several times before they are paid, and thus his time, which should be devoted to other objects, is occupied in the performance of a duty which should properly be discharged by the shareholders.

The Directors suggest that the Resolution, assessing the annual tax, should provide that *in all cases* it should be paid to the Librarian at the Library, on or before January 1st, and if it is not so paid, ten per cent. on the amount assessed should be added to the tax. The importance of establishing a "BOOK FUND," the interest only of which should be applied to the purchase of books, is earnestly pressed on the attention of the friends of the Library. This is needed to place it on a firm foundation, by providing an adequate supply of the current literature always so much in demand, and filling up deficiencies, which exist in

several departments of standard literature. We cannot more strongly present the claims of the Library to the continued support and benevolence of all who are interested in its improvement, than by using the forcible and impressive language of one, who, distinguished by his learning, eloquence and piety, and his earnest desire to promote social, intellectual and religious progress, is one of its truest and most active friends. In his eloquent words :—

“The Redwood Library belongs to the palmiest days of Newport. It is associated with early culture. It is hallowed by recollections of learning and piety. Here was the source of improvement and enjoyment to many a family. Memories of Stiles and Allston and Channing, linger within its walls. It could tell many a tale of quiet study, and is a monument of the thoughtfulness of our fathers for their descendants. Oh, what might it not do for our city, if it could be so endowed, that every branch of industry and every department of knowledge might find there abundant resources ! if its funds could be so increased that a merely nominal tax might enable the poorest to enjoy its advantages ! Much has been done, but this only urges to greater effort. An earnest appeal for old REDWOOD is made to all who revere what is excellent in the ancient, while they promote what is good in the new ; and who believe that the truest philosophy, and the best practice, is to link the progress of the present and the hopes of the future with the memories of the past.”

All which is respectfully submitted, by

HENRY LEDYARD,
for the Directors.

OBITUARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by HON. SAMUEL POWEL, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, April 14th, 1873 :—

Resolved, That the Directors of the Redwood Library have heard with profound regret of the death of their lamented associate, JAMES T. RHODES. His sterling integrity, and earnest devotion to the interests of this Institution, contributed so largely to its prosperity, that we desire to record our high appreciation of his worth, and our sincere sorrow for his loss.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these Resolutions to the family of Mr. Rhodes.

APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS' BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$10,000	Henry S. Fearing,	100
George Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Frederick Sheldon,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	J. Winthrop Chanler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm. F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm. A. Clarke,	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson,	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A friend to the Library,	100	Wm. Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer.	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
John Foster,	100	Total,	\$20,025 00

The following is a list of all the Gifts to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

- Adams, Charles F., of Boston, 2 pphs.
 Anthony, Messrs. E. & H. T. & Co., 591 Broadway, New York, Stereoscope and 50 Views.
 Anthony, Hon. H. B., Patent Office "Official Gazette" continued, and "Chart of Narragansett Bay."
 Arnold, Dr. E. S. F., 1 pph.
 Atwood, J., of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Barker, Robert S., 84 pphs.
 Bossange, Gustave, 1 vol.
 Boston, Public Library, 1 vol. 4 pphs.
 Botla, Prof. Vincenzo, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 Bradlee, Rev. C. D., 8 pphs. Photograph of Garrison.
 Brinley, Francis, 1 pph.
 Brooks, Rev. C. T., 41 vols, 210 pphs., Photograph of Froude.
 Calvert, George H., 3 vols.
 Coggeshall, Thomas, 4 pphs.
 Cobden Club, 1 vol.
 Colonization Society, 1 vol., 77 pphs.
 Congregational Publishing Society, Boston, 1 vol.
 Crocker, E. A., of Taunton, 3 vols.
 Curtis, Daniel Sargent, of Boston, 3 vols. 4 pphs.
 Dahlgren, Rear Admiral, per Mrs. S. A. Lawrence, War Relic.
 DeKroyft, Mrs. S. H., 1 vol.
 Dennis, J. of Washington, 2 vols.
 Dennis, W., 1 vol.
 Edes, Rev. R. S., 1 pph.
 Everett, H. Sidney, 1 vol.
 Fitch, John, of New York, 1 pph.
 Fludder, J., 1 vol.
 Foote, Rev. H. W., 1 pph.
 Friends of the Library, 2 vols.
 French, J. R., of Wash., and 17 others, Crayon Portrait of H. B. Anthony.
 Garrison, Wm. P., of New York, 1 vol.
 Goodwin, Mrs. J. H., 1 vol.
 Gould, N. H., 1 vol.

- Haight, E. G., 1 vol.
 Hancock, Rev. S. F., 1 vol., 5 pphs.,
 Harvard College, 3 pphs.
 Hazard, Thomas R., "Banner of Light," continued, and "Spiritual Magazine," continued.
 Higginson, T. W., 30 vols., 4 pphs.
 Hill, Rev. S. C., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, continued.
 Honey, S. R., 1 vol.
 Humphreys, Mrs. H. B., 2 vols., 46 pphs.
 Hunter, Hon. Wm., 3 vols., 3 pphs.
 Lawrence, W. B., 1 vol.
 Ledyard, H., 11 vols., 5 pphs.
 Loubat, Alphonse, of New York., 1 vol.
 Lyon, Rev. J. J., of New York, 2 vols.
 Mason, George C., 1 vol.
 Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
 Massachusetts State Board of Health, 1 vol.
 Mauran, J. E., 1 vol.
 Michigan, State Library, 1 vol.
 Morland, Dr. W. W., 1 pph.
 Narragansett Weekly, continued.
 Newport, City, 1 vol.
 Newton, Mass., 1 pph.
 Palmer, Frederic, 60 pphs.
 Pell, D. C., 3 vols., 12 pphs.
 Perkins, Augustus Thorndike, of Boston, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Perry, Mrs. C. G., 100 pphs.
 Philadelphia Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 Powel, Samuel, "Naturalist," continued; "Journal Chemistry," continued; "Proceedings of Nat. Historical Society," continued.
 Providence, Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Rhoades, B. H., 1 vol.
 Rhode Island, State of, 5 vols.
 Rogers' Memorial Fund, continued, 30 vols.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Inst., 8 pphs.
 St. Louis Public School Library, 1 vol, 1 pph.
 Seabury, T. M., "Watchman and Reflector," continued.
 Small, A. D., 3 vols.

Smallwood, Mrs. J. B., 1 vol.
 Smith, Miss M. R. D., of Philadelphia, 1 vol.
 Stone, Rev. E. M., 1 vol.
 Terrill, Miss Mary B., 8 vols.
 Tiffany, Osmond, of Baltimore, 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 10 vols.
 Tweedy, Edmund, 2 vols.
 Ulman, C. L. A., 2 vols.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, "Religious Magazine," continued.
 United States Agricultural Dept., 1 vol.
 " " Engineer " 1 vol.
 " " Interior " 32 vols.
 " " Library of Congress, 1 vol.
 " " Navy Dept., 7 vols., 4 pphs.
 " " Patent Office, "Gazette" continued.
 " " State Department, 3 vols.
 " " Treasury Department, Coast Survey, 1 vol.
 " " War Department, 3 vols., 1 pph.
 Waters, Dr. W. E. of Ft. Leavenworth Elkhorn Indian bow, &c.
 Wilson, W. H., of N. Y., 1 vol.
 Winthrop, R. C., 2 vols., 1 pph.
 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 1 vol.
 X. Y. Z. \$275.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "SPECIAL SHARES" OF \$100.

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	Norman, Stephen H.
Anderson, Miss Rosalie Redwood	Parkman, George F.
Ashhurst, William H.	Parish, Daniel Jr.
Brooks, Charles T.	Powel, Samuel
Brooks, Sidney	Ray, Robert—2
Butler, Samuel W.	Rhodes, James T. (Estate)
Caldwell, Wm. S.	Russell, Charles H.
Cornell, Richard	Russell, Mrs. A. K.
Cozzeus, Wm. C.	Sampson, Joseph
Fearing, George R.	Sands, Austin L.
Foster, John	Sanford, Henry S.
Gibbs, George W.	Sears, David
Gibbs, Miss Sarah (Mrs. Thompson)	Sheffield, Wm. P.
Gibbs, Theodore K.	Sherman, Isaac
Hammett, George A.	Smith, Alfred
Houe, Robert S.	Taylor, Robert J. [Estate.]
Hoppin, Hamilton	Tompkins, Frederick
Kennedy, Robert L.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Ledyard, Henry	Tucker, William W.
McCurdy, Robert H.	Van Rensselaer, Alexander
Macy, Seth W.	Wales, George W.
Malcom, Charles H.	Wetmore, Miss Annie D.
Mason, Earl P.	Wetmore, Miss Edith K. M.
Mason, Robert M.	Wetmore, George Peabody
Mathews, Nathan	Wetmore, Samuel
Morgan, Edwin D.	Wetmore, William Boerum
Norman, George H.	Willet, Edward M.

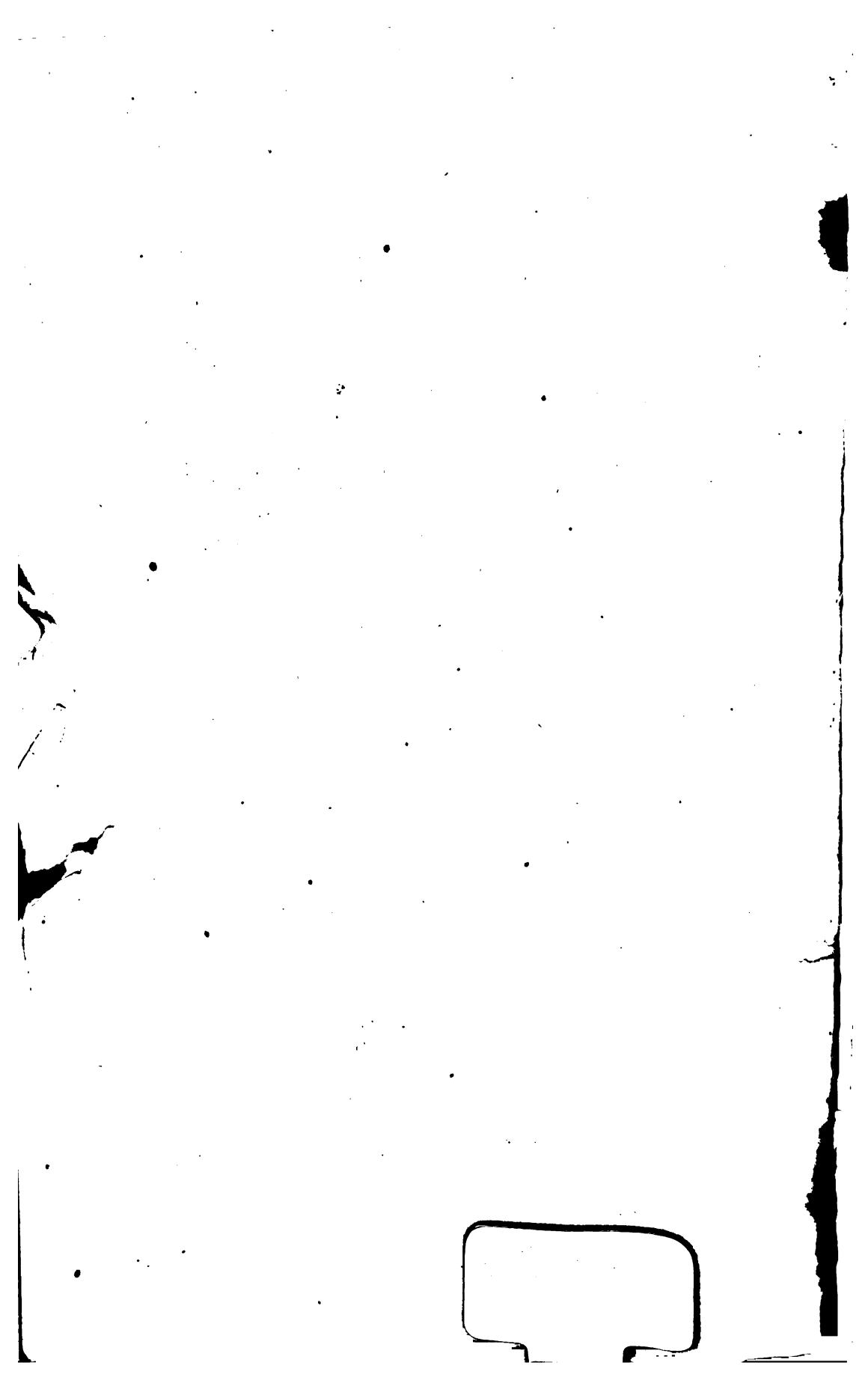
2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT, UNLESS OWNING A "SPECIAL SHARE" IN ADDITION.

Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.	1	Anthony, Mary	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Atkinson, James	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Bailey, Joseph I.	2
Almy, Margarette G.	1	Bailey, Samuel C.	1

Barber, Charles P.	1	Coit, Benjamin W.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Congdon, John C.	1
Barreda, Frederick L.	8	Congdon, Wm. P.	1
Berry, Robert P. [Estate]	2	Cook, George I. [Estate]	1
Beck, Henry Paul	1	Cornell, Richard	2
Birckhead, James [Estate]	1	Cornell, William	1
Bliss, Wm. H.	1	Cottrell, Michael	1
Boit, Edward D.	4	Cottrell, Silas H.	1
Bowen, George	1	Cozzens, George	1
Bowen, Stephen [Estate]	1	Cozzens, Henry W.	1
Bowler, Wm.	1	Cozzens, John H.	1
Bradford, Joseph	1	Cozzens, Wm. C.	2
Bradford, Mrs. Rebecca M.	1	Cranston, Robert B. [Estate]	1
Breese, Thomas [Estate]	1	Dame, Jonathan [Estate]	1
Brinley, Edward H.	1	Deblois, John S.	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	Denuis, John D.	1
Bronson, Arthur	1	Denuiston, George	1
Brooks, Sidney	3	Dumont, J. Ludlow	1
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Dunn, Theophilus C. [Estate]	1
Brown, John Carter	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Edgar, William	1
Brownell, Wm.	1	Eldred, John	4
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Ellery, Mary G. & Harriet C.	1
Bull, Henry	1	Engs, George	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Engs, John S.	1
Bush, John T.	2	Engs, Samuel	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Ennis, Caroline W.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	2	Fay, Henry H.	1
Cahoone, Stephen	1	Field, John W.	1
Callendar, Elizabeth	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Fludder, James	1
Campbell, George I.	1	Fludder, William	1
Carey, John	1	Foster, John	2
Caswell, John R.	1	Gibbes, R. M. [Estate]	3
Caswell, Philip	1	Gilpin, William	1
Chase, Gilbert	1	Goffe, Augustus	1
Chace, Sarah I.	1	Goffe, Emma	1
Child, Rev. Wm. S.	1	Gould, David J.	3
Church, First Baptist	1	Gould, Nathan H.	1
Church, Unitarian	1	Gould, Stephen	1
Clarke, Harriet	1	Gray, Louisa F.	1
Clarke, William A.	5	Greene, Nathaniel	1
Coe, Adam S. [Estate]	1	Green, George W. [Estate]	1
Coggeshall, David M. [Estate]	1	Greene, John H.	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Gyles, Charles [Estate]	1

Hall, George [Estate]	1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Hamilton, William	1	Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. Wilbur)	1
Hammett, Charles E. Jr.	2	Leverett, Wm.	1
Hammett, Elizabeth	1	Littlefield, Augustus N.	1
Hammett, James H.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Hammett, Robert W.	1	Lyon, Joseph [Estate]	1
Hammond, Zenas L.	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Hart, Joseph M.	3	Marsh, I. W. R. [Estate]	1
Hazard, Benjamin [Estate]	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Benj. of T. G.	1	Mason, Robert M.	3
Hazard, Charlotte T.	1	Mauran, James E.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Melville, Benj. S.	1
Hazard, Isaac P.	3	Mercer, William N.	5
Hazard, George A.	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Morris, Henry	1
Hazard, J. Alfred	1	Morris, Wistar	1
Hazard, J. Alfred of T. G.	1	Munro, Rebecca [Mrs. Finch]	1
Hazard, Rowland R., Jr.	4	Newton, Abby E.	1
Hazard, Theophilus D.	1	Newton, Dudley	2
Hazard, Thomas H.	1	Newton, Hannah C.	1
Hazard, Thos. R.	1	Newton, Mary	1
Higginson, Thomas W.	1	Norman, Stephen H.	2
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Ogden, Edward [Estate]	2
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Paine, John	2
Hoppin, Hamilton	3	Parkman, George F.	3
Howland, Benjamin B.	1	Pearson, John [Estate]	1
Hunter, Charles	3	Peckham, Felix	1
Hunter, Rebecca E.	1	Peckham, Job A.	2
Hunter, Thomas R.	1	Peckham, John O. [Estate]	1
Ives, Robert H.	1	Peckham, Mary E.	1
Kane, Delancey	8	Peckham Thomas P.	1
Kennedy, Robert L.	3	Peckham, Wm. G., Jr.	1
King, Caroliue	1	Pell Duucan C.	1
King, David	3	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
King, Edward	4	Perkins, Charles C.	2
King, George G.	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
King, William H.	8	Pray, Harley W.	1
Kuhn, Charles	1	Reynolds, Gardner B.	1
Ladd, John W.	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
Langley, Wm. C.	1	Rhodes, James T. [Estate]	3
Lawrence, S. Abbott [Estate]	1	Rhoades, Benj. H.	1
Lawrence, Wm. B.	9	Richardson, George H.	1
Lawton, Charles E. [Estate]	1	Richardson, John D.	1
Lawton, Edward W.	1	Richmond, Geo. A.	1
Lawton, Francis	1	Rider, Philip	1
Lawton, George	1	Riley, Henry C.	1
Lawton, Gideon [Estate]	1	Robeson, Andrew	3

Russell, Charles H.	4	Terrill, George	1
Russell, Harry	2	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Russell, Mrs. A. K.	1	Tiffany, George	2
Sanford, Wm. H.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B. [Estate]	4
Seabury, Thomas M.	2	Torry, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Seabury, Wm. G.	1	Townsend, Edmund J.	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Townsend, John F. [Estate]	1
Sherman, Edward A.	1	Turner, H. E.	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Turner, Henry E., Jr.	1
Sherman, William	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Simmons, Philip	1	Underwood, Charles W.	1
Slocum, Marshall C.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
Smith, Wm. H.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Spooner, Edwin G.	1	Vernon, Samuel B. [Estate]	1
Spooner, W. H. D.	1	Vernon, William [Estate]	1
Staigg, Richard M.	1	Ward, A. J.	1
Stanton, Robert H.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Stevens, David	1	Weaver, Joseph B. [Estate]	1
Stevens, William [Estate]	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Stevens, William G.	1	Wetmore, Wm. B.	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Wilbour, John [Estate]	1
Stoddard, John C.	2	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Stout, Mrs. A. M.	1	Willard, E. W.	1
Swinburne, Daniel T.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Taylor, John J.	1	Wormeley, Miss K. P.	1
Taylor, Wm. Rogers	1		



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
DIRECTORS

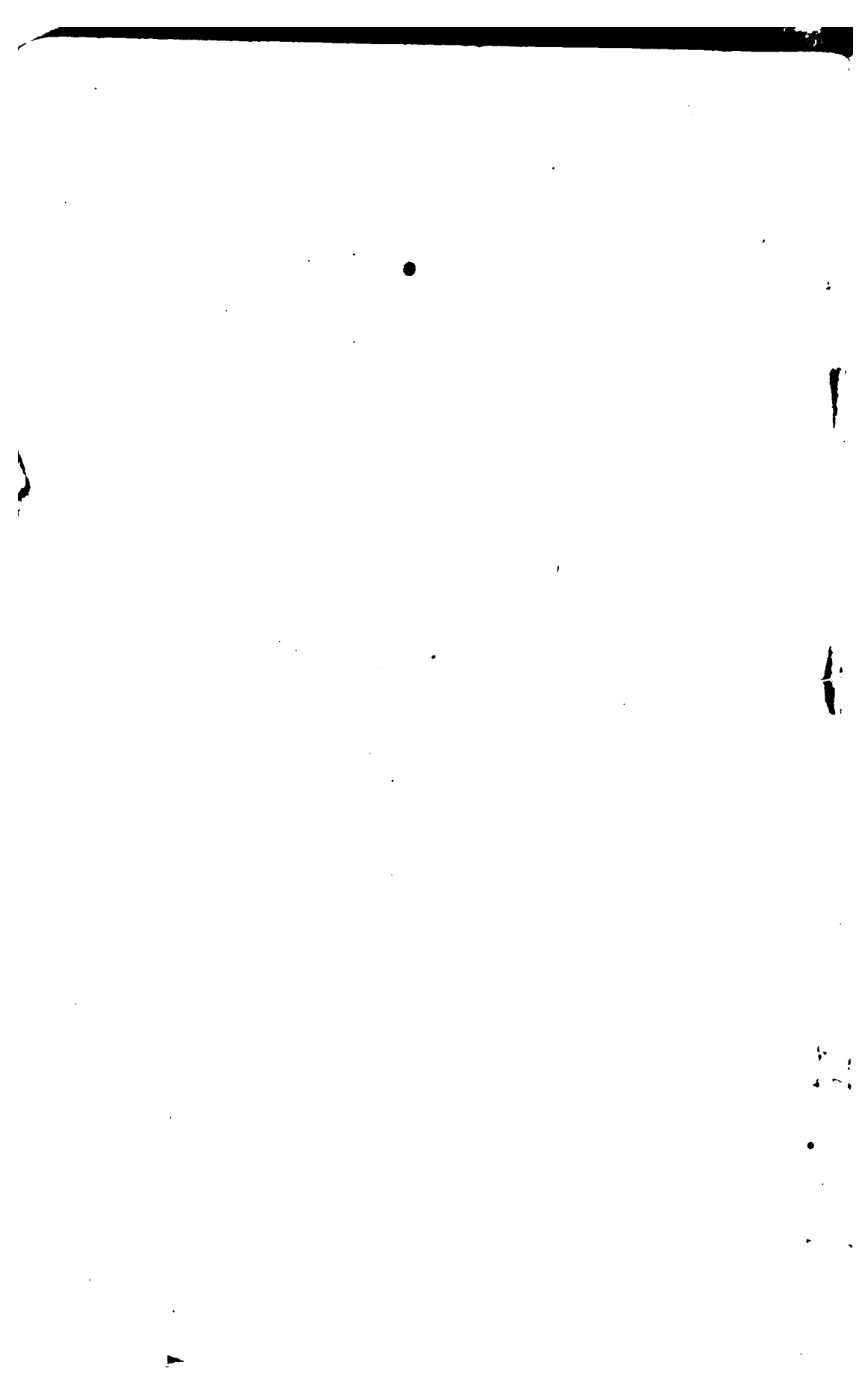
OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1874.

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1874.



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MACY,
GILPIN,
ODDY WETMORE,
ANDS,
ASHHURST,
OZZENS,
UTLER,
ILTON,
, JR.,
ON,

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

CHARLES T. BROOKS,
FRANCIS BRINLEY,

CHARLES H. MALCOM,
DAVID KING.

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
ROBERT H. IVES,

ROBERT M. MASON,
SETH W. MACY.

On Pictures and Statuary.

AUSTIN L. SANDS,
WILLIAM C. COZZENS,

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,
FREDERIC W. TILTON.

On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER,

NATHAN H. GOULD,

HENRY H. FAY.

On Enlargement and Repairs.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,
SIDNEY BROOKS,

JOHN T. BUSH,
AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE W. GIBBS.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT,
WILLIAM GILPIN.

On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,

GEO. PEABODY WETMORE,
DANIEL PARISH, JR.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 30th, 1874.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 30th, 1874.

At the hour appointed, MR. EDWARD KING, Vice-President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Ashhurst, Wm. H.

Atkinson, James

Bradford, Joseph

Brinley, Francis

Brooks, Charles T.

Bush, John T.

Butler, Samuel W.

Clarke, Thomas H.

Coddington, Charles B.

Cornell, William

Cottrell, Silas H.

Cozzens, George

Cozzens, William C.

Engs, Samuel

Fay, Henry H.

Gilpin, William

Gould, Nathan H.

Gould, Stephen

Hazard, James L.

Higginson, Thomas W.

Honey, Samuel R.

Hunter, Thomas R.

King, David

King, Edward

Ledyard, Lewis Cass

Lyon, Joseph M.

Macy, Seth W.

Malcom, Charles H.

Mason, George C.	Stanton, Robert H.
Norman, Stephen H.	Stevens, David
Paine, John	Terrill, George
Parish, Daniel Jr.	Tilton, Frederic W.
Peckham, Felix	Tompkins, Frederick
Peckham, Thomas P.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Pray, Harley W.	Turner, Henry E.
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	Turner, Henry E. Jr.
Sherman, Robert	Van Zandt, Charles C.
Southwick, J. M. K.	Ward, A. Judson
Staigg, Richard M.	Ward, Henry N.

Wilson, George H.

and one hundred and nine (109) proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Mrs. Mary Ann T. Berry,	Edward W. Peckham,
Thomas H. Clarke,	Henry S. Peckham,
Charles B. Coddington,	Charles Potter,
Josiah P. Cooke,	Anthony S. Sherman,
Miss E. S. Dumont,	James M. K. Southwick,
Jere. W. Horton,	George B. Weaver.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library was presented by Mr. Stephen Gould and accepted.

The Treasurer being absent, his Report was read by the Secretary, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected by ballot for the ensuing year :

President—EDWARD KING.

Vice President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Directors :

Charles H. Russell,	Seth W. Macy,
Sidney Brooks,	William Gilpin,
Augustus N. Littlefield,	Geo. Peabody Wetmore,
John T. Bush,	Austin L. Sands,
Henry E. Turner,	William H. Ashhurst,
William P. Sheffield,	William C. Cozzens,
Charles T. Brooks,	Samuel W. Butler,
Charles H. Malcom,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Nathan H. Gould,	Daniel Parish, Jr.
Charles C. Van Zandt,	Robert M. Mason,
William A. Clarke,	Robert H. Ives,
George W. Gibbs,	David King.

Henry H. Fay.

Treasurer—THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1875.

The following resolution offered by Col. Thomas W. Higginson was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be authorized to prepare and present at the next annual meeting a plan for the re-

duction of the number of the Board; and that they be authorized to take such legal advice and to obtain such permissive legislation as may be necessary for that purpose.

Messrs. Henry H. Fay, Stephen Gould, and Francis Brinley, were chosen a Committee to examine the Books.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That the ballots be destroyed by the Secretary at the adjournment of this meeting.

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1874.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, beg leave to present their Report for the year ending September 30th, 1874.

The Directors have the satisfaction to state, that there has not been any diminution of the material prosperity of the institution during the past year. The Library continues to be an attractive resort, not only to strangers temporarily in the city, but to the permanent residents of Newport.

The list of donations attests to the existence of a general desire to increase the usefulness of the institution ; while the exact management of its pecuniary affairs insures its development and stability.

The following statement will show the items of receipts and disbursements for the year ending September 14, 1874 :

RECEIPTS.

Taxes rec'd from shareholders and temporary subs.,	\$1,422 50
Fines, &c.,	53 98
Sales of Two Special Shares (less \$25. shares ret'd.)	150 00
Rent of Clarke Estate,	1,003 87
Gift from "XYZ,"	300 00
Interest for the Robert Rogers Book Fund,	65 62
Interest for the Wm. Sanford Rogers Book Fund,	299 98
Interest for the George G. King " "	76 26
Interest for the Special Share Fund	342 48

	<u>\$3,714 69</u>
Balance on hand Sept. 24th, 1873, -	765 47

\$4,480 16

EXPENDITURES.

Books, Periodicals and Newspapers, - - -	\$939 59
Binding and Printing, - - -	187 45
Salaries, Librarian and Assistant, - - -	1,377 00
Incidental Expenses, - - -	600 98
Repairs, Comms. &c., (Clarke Estate) - - -	150 69
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	\$3,255 71
Balance on hand Sept. 14th, 1874, - - -	355 73
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	\$3,611 44

Fire Insurance on Library Building,	\$11,500 00
“ “ “ “ Books,	21,000 00
“ “ “ Statuary and Pictures,	6,000 00
“ “ “ Furniture & Fixtures,	1,000 00
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	\$39,500 00

The most important topic which the Directors have been obliged to consider, during the past year, was the enlargement of the present edifice. On investigating the history of this question during the last decade, we find the following language in the Annual Report of 1867: “at one time our edifice afforded ample accommodations for our various uses; at other times it has been, as it is now, inconveniently crowded.” This statement, together with a growing conviction that the interests of the Institution were imperiled by reason of its inadequate accommodations, probably, induced the Directors at their meeting of November 11th, 1867, to pass a vote, “that the Committee on Enlargement of the Library be requested to present some plan for the building of a Hall, or Picture Gallery, together with an estimate of the probable expense; either of Brick or Stone.”

The Committee reported progress from time to time, and finally, at a meeting of the Directors held on the 14th of September, 1868, they reported, that they had “given much time and careful

consideration to the subject, not only as regarded the necessity of providing for the immediate wants by a new building to be connected with the present edifice, but to the probable necessity of enlarged and greatly improved accommodations for this popular Institution, in future times."

The Committee recommended the construction of an "Initiatory Building," to be followed "by successive additions, to be proceeded with as the means of the Company, and its ability to so appropriate them are increased, until an entirely new and enlarged structure of stone and marble shall take the place of the existing wooden erections."

It was then voted that the Report be referred to a special meeting of the Directors to be holden on the 28th day of the month. At that meeting it was "*Resolved*, That the plans reported by Mr. Charles H. Russell, in behalf of the Committee on Enlargement at the last meeting, which have been prepared by Mr. R. M. Hunt, Architect, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted. *Resolved*, That the preceding Resolution of the approval and adoption of said plans be referred to the meeting of stockholders at the annual meeting of the 30th inst., for confirmation."

At that annual meeting, the following Resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That this Corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, Architect, for proposed improvements of the Library (as presented by the Board of Directors) and referred to this meeting.

Resolved, That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds by subscription or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation as may be necessary."

Passing on to the Annual Report of the Directors for the year 1869, we quote, as follows, from that document. They say "at the last annual meeting, the corporation having approved the plans presented by the Board for the proposed improvements to the Library, authorized the Directors to proceed in their discretion to erect such portions thereof as they might deem expedient, and for this purpose they were empowered to raise the necessary funds by subscription or loan, and mortgage the real estate of the Corporation as might be required."

Under this authority a Committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and the Librarian, one of its members, was requested to present a circular, stating the object in view, to the friends of the Institution in Newport and elsewhere, and ask their aid in carrying it into effect. The effort was unsuccessful:—no subscriptions were obtained out of Newport. That plan of raising the funds required, having failed, the only alternative was to mortgage the real estate of the Company; but after serious deliberations, the Directors did not deem it prudent to do so, as they could see no way of paying the interest on the debt to be incurred without raising our ordinary revenues. "These" (to use the language of the Committee) "are barely sufficient to provide for the current expenses, and gradual increase of the Library, and if they were otherwise applied we could not meet our necessary expenditures. With great reluctance we therefore determined to abandon for the present the project of enlargement."

In this discouraging state of affairs, on the 3d of December, 1869, George W. Gibbs, Esq., came forward with the generous proposal to give \$10,000 towards an enlargement of the building, if an equal amount could be obtained from friends of the Library; the offer to stand good for one year; he subsequently freely consented that the time should be extended to the annual meeting September 27th, 1871.

At a meeting of the Directors on the 8th of January, 1872, the Committee to whom had been assigned the duty of obtaining

subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000 in addition to the conditional subscription offered by Mr. George W. Gibbs of \$10,000, reported that they had obtained the required amount, as would appear by the list of names of contributors appended to their report, with the amount of their several subscriptions.

At a meeting of the Directors February 12th, 1872, it was "*Resolved*, That the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs, be authorized to proceed with all suitable dispatch in erecting the addition proposed and adopted by the stockholders in 1868, with such improvements and alterations as may be recommended by the architect and approved by this Board at their next meeting."

Nothing of importance in regard to the Enlargement is recorded, until the meeting of the Directors of June 10th, 1872, at which time the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs presented a plan for building, which, after some discussion, was referred to a special meeting to be called by the President.

At a meeting of the Directors, July 8th, 1872, the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs presented their Report, which is printed in the Annual Report of 1872. The Committee state that "the failure to carry out the suggestions for an addition, as contemplated in 1868, has given time and opportunity to reconsider the subject, with the possession of larger means now at the command of the Library Company, and to consult what appears to be the prevailing views, not only of the Contributors of these means, but of other friends of the Library, viz., that any new erection should harmonize and be in accord with the architectural design of the existing edifice." The Committee therefore presented, "suggestions of a design, quite different from that of 1868, and more simple." The enhanced price of materials and of labor, induced the Committee to ask the Board of Directors, to decide on these two points; *first*, of removing the Clarke House, and second, of fixing on the locality of the new structure as here proposed; they are not prepared, for the reasons given, to recommend the immediate commencement of

the contemplated work beyond the preparatory removal of the "Clarke House" during the ensuing autumn.

In consequence of the conflict of opinions as to the character of the proposed enlargement, the writer of this Report, after consulting with friends of the Library, prepared the following Resolutions, which were adopted by the Directors, at the meeting of July 8th, 1872. "*Whereas*, at the annual meeting of the company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 30th, 1868, the following Resolutions were read and adopted, to wit—

"*Resolved*, that this corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, architect, for proposed improvements of the Library, as presented to the Board of Directors, and referred to this meeting."

"*Resolved*, that the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library Building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds, by subscription, or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the corporation, as may be necessary."

And Whereas, The difficulty of satisfactorily effecting a loan, and other causes, have prevented any action by the Directors, as contemplated by said Resolutions, and inasmuch as the fiscal condition, and pecuniary resources of the corporation have very largely improved during the past year, now, therefore,

It is Resolved, By the Board of Directors, that the subject be referred back to the next annual meeting of the corporation in September, and that notice thereof be given in the call for said meeting, to consider the expediency of repealing the Resolutions of September 30, 1868, and taking such other action, in regard to an enlargement of the Library Building, as the corporation shall deem best."

When the subject was considered at the annual meeting of September 25, 1872, it was urged by a prominent director that the report of the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs was irregular, and the following resolutions proposed by him were adopted :

"Resolved, That the Redwood Library Company do re-affirm their action had in 1868, in relation to the plans for the enlargement of the Library Building.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby empowered to proceed to erect so much of the improvements to the Library Building, in conformity to the plans of Mr. Richard M. Hunt, as can be accomplished for a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars."

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on the 1st of October, 1872, it was voted "that the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs be, and are hereby instructed to procure specifications and estimates for the additional building agreeably to the plan adopted at the last meeting of the Company, and report the same to the Board as soon as possible."

The Committee made a report to the Board of Directors at their meeting of May 12th, 1873. They state that they had the working plan prepared, and invited estimates of the cost agreeably to the specifications. Two estimates only were presented—one being \$31,500—the other \$28,900.

The Architect was consulted as to the feasibility of modifying the plan, so as to bring the cost within the amount the Directors were at liberty to expend. In his reply, he suggested changes which he thought would reduce the cost to \$20,000. This communication was referred to the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs. At a meeting of the Board of Directors August 11th, 1873, that Committee, after stating the character of the proposed alterations, expressed the opinion that "this building, even modified as recommended by the Architect, will cost more than the sum to the credit of the Building Fund. In that event,

(they add) we have no means of providing for the deficiency. Apart from the interest of the funds pledged for specific purposes, our income is entirely absorbed by the expense of management and the purchase of a few books of current interest. In our view, therefore, of the foregoing considerations, the high price of labor and material, the uncertainty of the labor-market, and the inadequacy of the funds applicable to the completion of the proposed additions agreeably to the plans and specifications heretofore furnished by the Architect, the Committee recommend that no further action be taken towards its erection at present." The Board of Directors concurred in these carefully considered opinions of the Committee.

At the annual meeting of the Company September 24, 1873, it was

"Resolved, That the resolution passed at the annual meeting on September 30, 1868, authorizing the Directors to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the Library Building by loan, and to execute such bond and mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation as may be necessary is hereby repealed."

At the same meeting, the following preamble and resolutions were submitted by Mr. Francis Brinley, and adopted—

"WHEREAS, by recent liberal donations to the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the means for increased accommodation for the Library and works of Art are largely augmented since the subject was agitated in the year 1867, and *Whereas*, there have been and are differences of opinion in regard to the reports and plans which have been submitted or suggested by the several Committees to whom the subject has been heretofore referred, therefore

Resolved, That all Votes and Resolutions, which have been passed and adopted since the year 1867, in reference to the question, or mode of enlargement of the present edifice, and the protest offered and hastily adopted at the last annual meeting against the then 'Committee of Enlargement,' be, and they are hereby repealed, rescinded, and made void.

Resolved, That the whole subject of enlargement be, and it hereby is, referred to the Board of Directors."

On the 13th of July, 1874, there was a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which the following Resolve was passed: "Resolved, that the Report of the Building Committee made to the Board of Directors, July 5th, 1872, be committed to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, A. N. Littlefield and W. C. Cozzens, with direction to procure a detailed plan for an addition to the Library Building, with estimates of the cost of such addition and to report the same to the Board as soon as may be practicable." It was also voted, "that a Special Committee be appointed to estimate the value of the 'Clarke House,' belonging to the Library, and the value of the furniture therein, and at what price the said house and furniture can be sold." At a subsequent and special meeting of the Board of Directors, on the 28th of July, 1874, the Special Committee on enlargement reported "that their views were the same as those presented and printed in the Annual Report of 1872, which they again reported, excepting the fourth paragraph," and they presented plans prepared by Mr. George C. Mason for the enlargement of the Library Building. The Report was accepted and referred to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. That meeting took place on the 10th of August, 1874, when the committee to estimate the value of the "Clarke House" "and furniture," reported the value of the "Clarke House" to be \$600; or possibly \$700 to \$800; and the value of the furniture, as appraised by a competent person, \$474.40.

The subject of Enlargement was then discussed, and the following Resolution adopted:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs, are hereby authorized and directed to proceed immediately to sell the 'Clarke House,' to be at once removed, and the furniture therein, and to contract for a fire-proof structure in connection with the present edifice, substantially according to the

plans and estimates of George C. Mason, Esq., who shall be employed as Architect; provided that the expense shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars."

By virtue of the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Special Committee advertised the furniture in the "Clarke house" for sale at public auction; but so few persons were present on the day proposed for the sale, that proceedings were stayed.— On the following day, an attempt was made for the public sale of the "Clarke House;" the weather being unfavorable, but very few persons were present, and the property was withdrawn. In consequence of these untoward circumstances, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was called for August 25th, 1874. The Committee orally reported, and after some discussion, the following Resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs," be instructed to sell the "Clarke House" for the most it will bring, to be removed by the purchaser."

After unavailing efforts to dispose of the "Clarke House" at private sale, it was put up at public auction, and brought the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars.

It should be understood that it was originally but of two stories in height, and built of heavy materials. Some years ago it was raised and made to rest on a structure or first story, of much lighter materials. This arrangement of the old and new parts of the building, made any attempt to remove it difficult, expensive and even hazardous, for it could not be done, it being wider than Redwood-street, unless divided into two or more parts, and this cutting-up process would weaken each portion and render it extremely doubtful if either would hold together while being removed. No one appeared to be willing to undertake it.

Then again it was not easy to obtain land within a reasonable distance and at a moderate cost, to which these fragments could be safely transferred and thus re-united. These, and other considerations—some suggested by the locality, and others such as

must always arise in connexion with the proposed removal or taking down of an old dwelling house—prevented competition at the sale, and the fact that not a step could be taken towards the enlargement of the Library Building, to say nothing of the impatience of subscribers to the fund for enlargement, must reconcile us to receive, what, at first blush, appears to be an inconsiderable sum for a very considerable house ; no better terms could be obtained. The “Clarke House” is no more ; and it is to be hoped that the purchasers will not be losers by its demolition.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, held on the 14th of September current, the Committee on Enlargement presented a letter from George C. Mason, Esq., architect, as their Report, and which is as follows :

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 10, 1874.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL, Esq.,

Chairman Building Com. Red. Lib. & Ath.

SIR :—I have to report as follows in regard to the proposed enlargement of the Library Building. At the present writing I have bids from a responsible party, Perry G. Case & Co., as follows : “ Building to be completed as per plans and specifications. Material on the west front and west end above the present roof, to be of Nova Scotia olive dressed stone ; the south and east fronts to be hard North River brick. The whole work of construction to cost \$25,000.—Or, the building completed as above, the north front and south front, also so much of the west front as appears above the roof of the old part, to be of Nova Scotia dressed stone, and the east end to be of hard North River brick ; to cost \$29,400.”

The above bids embrace all the work of construction and the connection with the present building, and covers work of every description, (book shelves, grading, and fencing excepted.)

It has been suggested that it would be well to put in the foundation this Autumn and resume work in the Spring. To do this the walls should be built up to the top of the water-table, and

the floor timbers and under floors should be put down. The whole should then be roofed in for the winter, in a manner that will protect the walls.

The whole cost, of putting in the foundation and roofing it in, would be \$3,878,00, which sum would be deducted from the gross amount charged for the whole building.

The above bids are based upon the present price of materials. Bricks can now be bought at a lower figure than in the Spring, and if the walls of the building are to be commenced in the Spring, the bricks should be purchased and piled on the lot this autumn.

Very Respectfully,

GEO. C. MASON, *Architect.*

N. B. Under instructions from the Building Committee I made an effort to dispose of the Clarke House. Parties, who respectively offered \$400 and \$500 for the house as it stood, (without the furniture,) provided they could contract for the removal of the house on satisfactory terms, subsequently withdrew their offers for the reason that no satisfactory arrangement could be made for its removal.

Failing to get a substantial offer of any kind for the building, it was again advertised and was sold by auction to the highest bidder for the sum of \$115, to be taken down and removed within two weeks from Wednesday the 9th instant. The sale includes every thing above the foundation.

Subsequently a contract was made with Wm. Riggs to remove all the furniture, store it, and again move it to the Academy of Music, for the sum of \$50. When moved to the Academy of Music in October, it will be sold by auction to the highest bidder.

Respectfully,

GEO. C. MASON.

After the communication of Mr. Mason had been read, the following Resolutions were passed :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library Building be authorized, at their discretion, to limit the contemplated work of

its enlargement the present autumn to the foundation walls, as now recommended by Mr. Mason, the architect, and to proceed in the Spring to carry on to completion the work according to his plans as last approved by the Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized on the requisition of the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs," to pay from time to time such sums of money as may be required by the said Committee for all the proposed work, and for such purposes to withdraw from the Rhode-Island Hospital Trust Company the Building Fund placed on deposit there, to the extent of the amount that shall be to the credit of this Company.

Resolved, That when contracts shall have been entered into for the proposed enlargement of the Library Building, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of this Company.

From this review of the proceedings of the Company and its Board of Directors, two conclusions may be deduced ; one, that for years the necessity of an addition to the present structure has been conceded ; the other, that all plans for the enlargement of the building should be subordinate to the deep-rooted popular feeling, that no project should be favored which would mar the beauty and architectural symmetry of an edifice, which had been consecrated by the presence and studies of the gifted and wise of past generations. In deference to this universal and creditable sentiment, in which the Directors participated, they determined not to recommend a plan which contemplated the erection of an "Initiatory Building," to be followed by additions as circumstances would permit, but to advise the adoption of one more simple and economical. Conscious of the importance and delicacy of the duty confided to them, and anxious to reconcile all honest differences of opinion, they proceeded cautiously and deliberately, looking forward with a confident but circumspect hope, that their action would result in the more complete security of the Library, and its steady advance in usefulness and value.

On the 25th of the current September, the Committee reported as follows :

REDWOOD LIBRARY,
25th, September, 1874. }

The "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs" take leave to report to the Directors—

That in conformity with the several Resolutions of the Board passed at their late meetings in July, August, and September 14th, they have authorized a contract to be entered into in behalf of this Company with responsible parties for the erection of a new building in enlargement of the Library Edifice, according to the drawings and specifications made by George C. Mason, Architect.

By the written articles of agreement (which are presented with the specifications as a part of this Report,) it will be seen that the new addition is to be well and sufficiently erected and finished on or before the 1st of Dec., 1875, and for the appropriated sum of \$25,000.

For Book Shelving, Furniture, Fencing, Grading, and Architect's commissions, such further action will doubtless be taken by the Board as will be hereafter necessary, and the requisite appropriations made therefor.

(Signed,)

C. H. RUSSELL,
SIDNEY BROOKS,
JOHN T. BUSH. } Committee.

Contract for the Enlargement.

Articles of Agreement made this eighteenth day of September, A. D., 1874, between the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, of Newport, R. I., of the first part, and Perry G. Case, Frederick A. Allan and Isaac R. Spooner, builders, doing business under the firm name of Perry G. Case & Co., all of said Newport, of the second part, witnesseth, That said parties of the second part for themselves, their heirs, ex-

ecutors and administrators, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the first part, that they, the said parties of the second part, their executors and administrators, shall and will, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, on or before the first day of December, 1875, well and sufficiently erect and finish the new building designed for an enlargement of the present Library Building of said Redwood Library and Athenæum, agreeably to drawings and specifications made by George C. Mason, Architect, within the time aforesaid, in a good, workmanlike and substantial manner, to the satisfaction and under the direction of the said George C. Mason, and also shall and will find and provide such good, proper and sufficient materials of all kinds whatsoever as shall be proper and sufficient for completing and finishing all the Mason's, Plasterer's, Carpenter's, Painter's and other works of the said building mentioned in the specifications, for the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars.

And the said parties of the first part do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the second part, their executors and administrators, that they, the said parties of the first part, shall and will, in consideration of the covenants and agreements being strictly performed and kept by the said parties of the second part as specified, well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said parties of the second part, their executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, in manner following:—\$3,878 when the foundation is finished, including water-table, floor timbers and underfloor, and roofing it all in for the winter:—

\$2,357,50 when a certificate is presented, signed by the parties who furnished the brick, that the contractors have piled upon the land of said Library, 230,000 Haverstraw hard brick:—

\$5,000—When the walls on all sides of the new building have reached to the height of tops of belting course on the north front:—

\$5,000—when the walls are completed.—

\$3,000—when the roof is slated, flat tinned and cresting is on.

\$5,764,50—when the whole work is completed. Provided that in each of the said cases a certificate be obtained and signed by Geo. C. Mason that the work has been properly done, and that the contractors are entitled to the payment claimed.

And it is further agreed by and between the said parties;
First, the parties of the second part are to put in the foundation and complete it on or before the fifteenth day of December, 1874. The foundation is to include the water table on all sides, the cellars on the north and south fronts, the piers in the cellar, the floor timbers, the under floor, and the roofing in and covering in the whole so as to turn off the water, and keep out frost. The side walls above the ground-level to be protected with seaweed during the winter.

Second.—The parties of the first part shall have the right, should they elect, to substitute Nova Scotia dressed stone for the South front in place of brick, at a cost not to exceed \$4,400, in addition to the amount of the within contract; and the parties of the second part hereby agree to substitute Nova Scotia dressed stone for the said South front, in place of brick, for the consideration of a further sum of \$4,400, in addition to the amount of their contract, provided that notice be given said parties of the second part within six months from the time of signing this contract, that they will be required to make the above substitution.

Third.—The specifications and drawings are intended to co-operate, so that any work exhibited in the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications, or *vice versa*, are to be executed the same as if they were mentioned in the drawings and set forth in the specifications, to the true meaning and intention of the said drawings and specifications, without any extra charge.

Fourth.—The contractors at their own cost are to provide all manner of materials and labor for the several works.

Fifth.—Should the parties of the first part request any alteration, deviation, additions or omissions from the said contract, they shall be at liberty to do so, and the same shall in no way affect or make void the contract, but will be added to or deducted from the amount of the contract, as the case may be, by a fair and reasonable valuation.

Sixth.—Should any dispute arise respecting the true construction or meaning of the drawings or specifications, the same shall be decided by Geo. C. Mason, and his decision shall be final and conclusive; but should any dispute arise respecting the true value of the extra work, or of the work omitted, the same shall be valued by two competent persons, one employed by the parties of the first part, and the other by the parties of the second part—and these two shall have power to name an umpire, whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

Seventh.—The parties of the first part shall not in any manner be answerable or accountable for any loss or damage that shall or may happen to the said works, or any part or parts thereof respectively, or for any of the materials used and employed in finishing and completing the same, loss or damage by fire excepted.

Eighth.—On the first of April, 1875, work suspended during the winter is to be resumed on the walls of said building, and from that date forward they are to be carried up without interruption to the required height.

In witness whereof, we Richard Cornell, Treasurer of said Redwood Library and Athenæum, of the first part, and Perry G. Case & Co., of the second part, have hereunto set our hands and seals at Newport, on the day and year first before written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of

GEO. C. MASON,
as to P. G. CASE & Co.

P. G. CASE & CO. [SEAL.]

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,
as to RICHARD CORNELL, *Treas.*

RICHARD CORNELL, *Treas.*
[SEAL.]

The advantages which our collection offers to those of antiquarian tastes, who have occasion to consult comparatively rare or expensive books, as well as to those in pursuit of the periodical or lighter literature of the day, are recognized and appreciated. When adequate arrangements shall have been made for the preservation of the Library, without doubt, many a valuable and forgotten volume will spring to light from dusty obscurity, and find its way to the safe and quiet alcoves of the Redwood Library.

The condition and classification of the Books, and the disposition of the works of art, under the supervision of our faithful and conscientious Librarian, are as satisfactory as our limited accommodations will permit. The sooner they are increased, the more assured will be the permanent success of this venerable organization.

At the date of the last Report the whole number of books in the Library was 19,631

Added since by Purchase,	347
“ “ “ Donation,	620
“ “ “ Binding Periodicals,	36

Making the whole number on hand, Sept. 1, 1874, 20,634

Two hundred and fifty three pamphlets, including magazines and reviews, have been given during the last twelve months.

The Record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is for the year ending Sept. 1, 1874, 11,011.

It appears by the above statement that the liberal friends of the Library, (the names of all of whom will appear in the appendix,) continue to lay us under obligation for their contributions of Books. We ought especially to mention the heirs of the late Gov. William C. Gibbs, our members of Congress, the Boston Athenæum, the Hon. William Hunter, 2d Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, and the unknown “XYZ,” whose repeated donations of money towards the current expenses of the Library appear in the Report of the Treasurer.

The Charter

of 1747, especially as modified by the General Assembly in 1856, is susceptible of improvement; especially as the amended Charter embraces "Articles" which should be a portion of the By-Laws, and thereby subject to alteration by the shareholders from time to time as circumstances might suggest, and not an inflexible part of our Organic Law. The inconvenience of being hampered by the unavoidable adherence to Charter obligation, in matters of expediency and not of vital principle, has been frequently experienced during the past few years.— For instance the Charter prohibits the Directors from remitting any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company, and we were obliged to refuse any lenity to those share-holders who by accident or misfortune were delinquent as to the annual tax.

The Board of Directors,

in the opinion of many thoughtful friends of the Library, is too numerous for harmonious and efficient action; for when there are many minds, there are opposing opinions. So where duty is divided among many, personal interest and responsibility will be unfelt or disregarded. It not unfrequently has happened, that the regular monthly meetings of the Directors, adjourned for want of a quorum; a fact indicating that a smaller number of Directors would probably insure attendance.

Proxy Votes.

The existing legal rights of voting by proxy, is not free from objection. It may well exist in Corporations created for business purposes requiring united capital, and for which individual wealth is inadequate. But in a society of a *quasi* literary character, like our own, and where pecuniary gain is not contemplated, it is not unreasonable to maintain that the right to vote should be limited to the share-holders who are personally present at any meeting of the Company. Absentees must, generally speaking, be considered as very indifferent to the purposes and proceedings of the Company.

Fines.

The exaction of a small *per diem* penalty, for detaining Books from the Library beyond a prescribed time, is a practical benefit. The rule was not established with a view to any pecuniary advantage which might flow from its enforcement, but to secure prompt return of volumes by those who took them out, and thus more speedily and widely diffuse and circulate the literary treasures of the Institution.

Annual Tax.

Whether it is expedient to reduce the annual tax on shares, the Directors do not undertake to decide. They most assuredly desire that it should not exceed, in the aggregate, a sum sufficient to meet the expenses incident to a judicious and economical administration of the affairs of the Company. What the annual tax shall be, the Directors submit to the wisdom of the shareholders.

During the past year, the Society has sustained a great loss by the death of John Carter Brown, Esq., one of its most valued Directors, who uniformly entertained and manifested a sincere and liberal interest in the prosperity of the Library, especially as testified by the most generous bequest of \$5,000 in his Last Will and Testament. Appropriate Resolutions were passed by the Directors on the announcement of his lamented death, which are hereto appended.

Finances.

Under the management of an accurate and pains-taking Treasurer, aided by careful Committees, the fiscal affairs of the company have been safely and judiciously protected and managed. So that, it may be truly said, the Redwood Library which is closely associated with the history of Newport, and now constitutes one of its peculiar attractions, was never in a more promising and prosperous condition than the Board of Directors have the great satisfaction of representing it, in this their Annual Report.

Newport, September 30th, 1874.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,
For the Directors.

Obituary Resolutions.

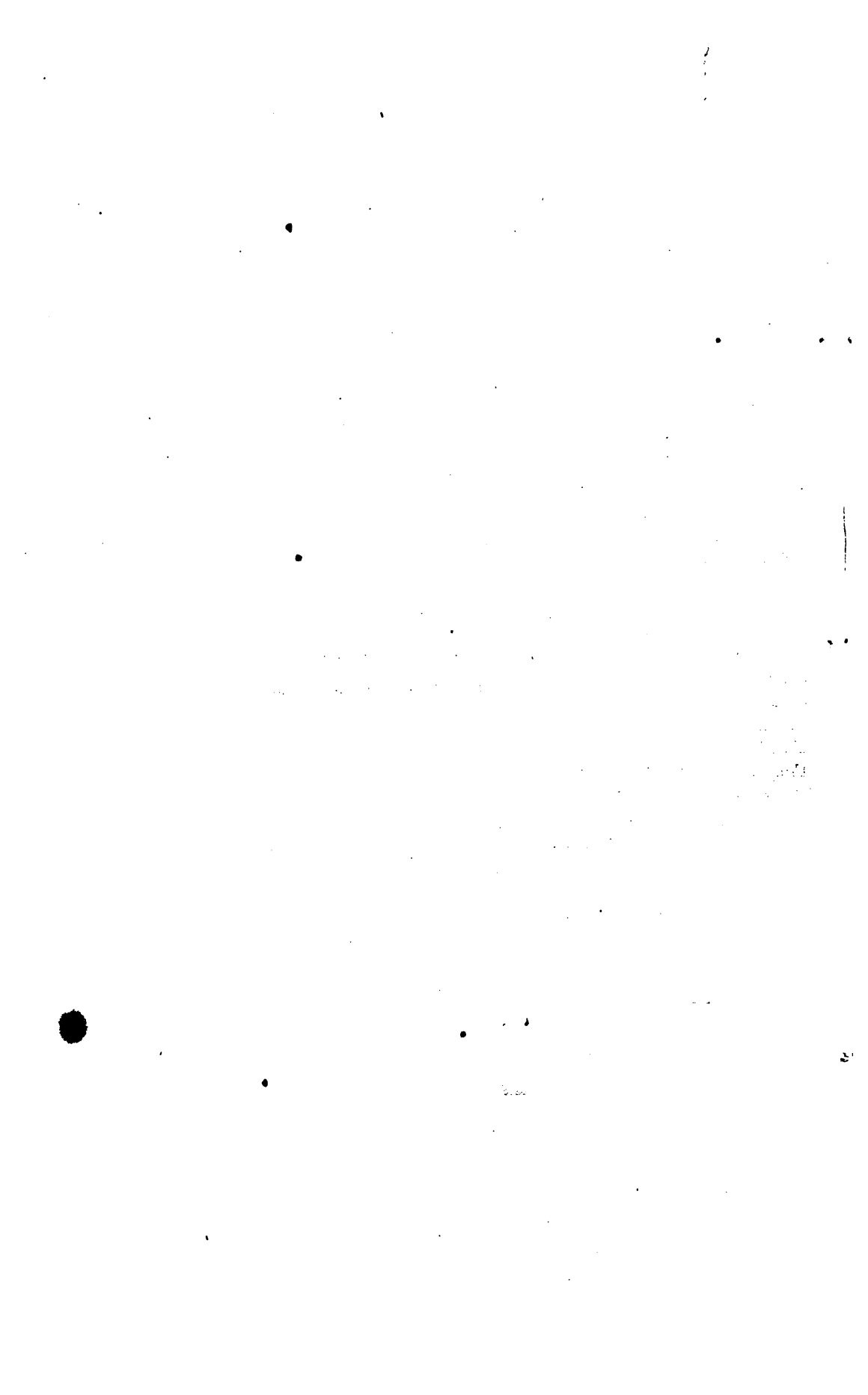
The following Resolutions, presented by the Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, July 13, 1874 :

"FORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother" JOHN CARTER BROWN, it is

Resolved, That although his years of physical and mental vigor were prolonged beyond the Scriptural limit of efficient human life, his death is keenly lamented by the Members and the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, who will hereafter miss the dignified presence and sage judgment of him, who for years had been a most faithful coadjutor in the management of this cherished and ancient Institution.

Resolved, That we recognize in the serene career of our departed friend, the union of the exactness of a successful man of affairs, with the refined taste and wide culture of an unpretending student, whose appreciation of the charms and importance of liberal learning, was signalized by the laborious accumulation of a Library of unsurpassed completeness in regard to the history of the American Continent ; by his filial contributions to the resources of his *Alma Mater*, the distinguished University which bears his honored family-name, and by the frequent supplies of numerous costly and rare volumes to the attractions of this organization, of which he was a sincere friend and influential member, and whose merit we shall ever hold in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, as an imperfect expression of our sympathy in their bereavement.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "SPECIAL SHARES" OF \$100.

"Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the Corporation."

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	1	Norman, Stephen H.	1
Anderson, Miss R. Redwood	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Ashhurst, William H.	1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1
Brooks, Charles T.	1	Powel, Samuel	1
Brooks, Sidney	1	Ray, Robert	2
Butler, Samuel W.	1	Rhodes, James T. (Estate)	1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Russell, Charles H.	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Sands, Austin L	1
Cozzens, William C.	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Fearing, George Richmond	1	Sears, David (Estate)	1
Foster, John	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Sherman, Isaac (of N. Y.)	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs Thompson)	1	Smith, Alfred	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Staigg, Richard M.	1
Hammett George A.	1	Stevens, Mrs. F. W.	1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1	Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	Tucker, William W.	1
Ledyard, Henry	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
McCurdy, Robert H.	1	Wales, George W.	1
Macy, Seth W.	1	Wetmore, A. D. (Mrs.	
Malcom, Charles H.	1	W. W. Sherman)	1
Mason, Earl P.	1	Wetmore, Miss Edith K.	1
Mason, Robert M.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Matthews, Nathan	1	Wetmore Samuel	1
Morgan, Edwin D.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1
Norman, George H.	1	Willett, Edward M.	1

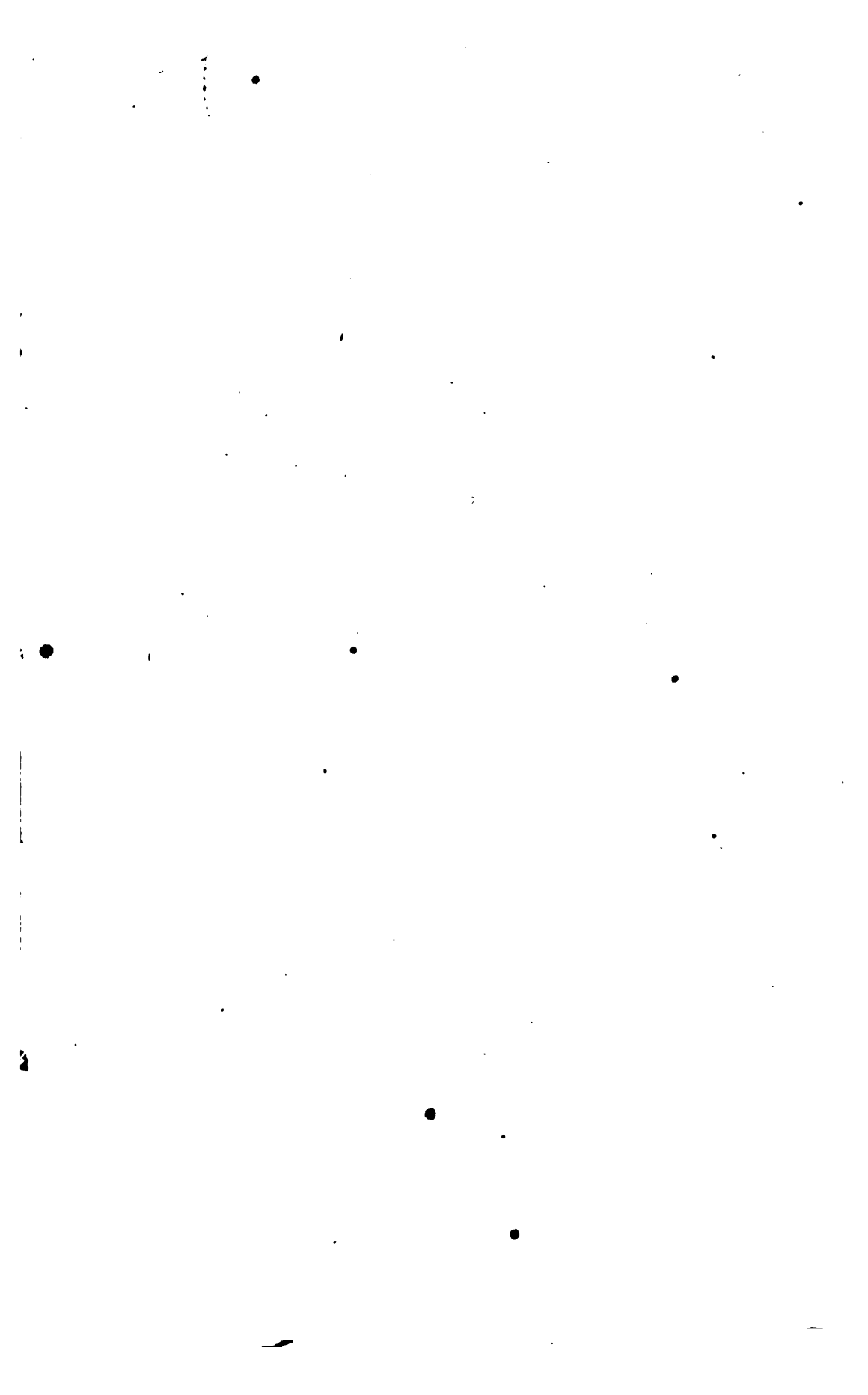
2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Ailman, Benjamin H.	1	Campbell, George J.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Carey, John	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Caswell, John R.	1
Almy, Margarette	1	Chase, Gilbert	1
Atkinson, James	1	Child, William S.	1
Bailey, Joseph I.	2	Church, Unitarian	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Clarke, Harriet	1
Barber, Charles P.	1	Clarke, Thomas H.	2
Barker, Robert S.	2	Clarke, William A.	4
Barreda, F. L.	8	Coddington, Charles B.	1
Beck, Henry Paul (Estate)	1	Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)	1
Berry, Mrs. M. T.	2	Coggeshall, John S.	1
Bliss, William H.	1	Coggeshall, Thomas,	1
Boit, Edward D.	4	Coit, Benjamin W.	1
Bowen, George	1	Congdon, John C.	1
Bowen, Stephen (Estate)	1	Congdon, William P.	1
Bowler, William T.	1	Cook, George I. (Estate)	1
Bradford, Joseph	1	Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.	1
Breese, Thomas (Estate)	1	Cornell, William	1
Brinley, Edward H.	1	Cottrell, Michael	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	Cottrell, Silas H.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	Cozzens, George	2
Bronson, Arthur	1	Cozzens, Henry W.	1
Brooks, Sidney	6	Cozzens, John H.	1
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Cozzens, William C.	2
Brown, John Carter (Estate)	1	Deblois, John S.	1
Brown, Samuel	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. S. W.	1
Brownell, William	1	Dennis, John D.	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Denniston, George Jr.	1
Bull, Henry	1	Dumont, Elizabeth S.	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bush, John T.	2	Edgar, William	1
Butler, Samuel W.	2	Ellery, Mary G. & H. C.	1
Cahoone, Stephen (Estate)	1	Engs, George	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Engs, John S.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Engs, Samuel	1

Ennis, Caroline W.	1	Horton, Jere. W.	1
Fay, Henry H.	2	Howland, Benjamin B.	1
Field, John W.	1	Hunter, Charles (Estate)	2
Finch, Benjamin	1	Hunter, Rebecca E.	1
Fludder, James	5	Hunter, Thomas R.	1
Fludder, William	1	Ives, Robert H.	4
Foster, John	2	Kane, Delancey (Estate)	8
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate)	4	Kennedy, Robert Lenox	3
Gilpin, William	1	King, Caroline	1
Goffe, Augustus	1	King, David	5
Goffe, Emma	1	King, Edward	5
Gould, David J.	3	King, George G.	1
Gould, Nathan H.	1	King, William	7
Gould, Stephen	1	Ladd, John W.	1
Gray, Louisa F.	1	Langley, William C.	1
Green, George W. (Estate)	1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)	1
Greene, John H.	1	Lawrence, William B.	9
Greene, Nathaniel	1	Lawton, Charles E.	1
Griswold, J. N. A.	4	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Gyles, Charles (Estate)	1	Lawton, Francis	1
Hall, George (Estate)	1	Lawton, George	1
Hamilton, William	1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)	1
Hammett, Charles E. Jr.	2	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Hammett, Elizabeth	1	Lemont, M. D. (Mrs. G.V.W.)	1
Hammett, James H.	1	Leverett, William	1
Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)	1	Littlefield, Augustus N.	1
Hammond, Zenas L.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Hart, Joseph M.	3	Lyon, Joseph (Estate)	1
Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.	1	Macy, Seth W.	1
Hazard, Charlotte T.	1	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Mason, Earl P.	2
Hazard, Isaac P.	3	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, J. Alfred	1	Mason, Robert M.	3
Hazard, John A. of T. G.	1	Mauran, James E.	1
Hazard, Rowland R.	4	Melville, Benjamin S.	1
Hazard, Theophilus D.	1	Mercer, William Newton	6
Hazard, Thomas Hull	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Hazard, Thomas R.	1	Morris, Henry	1
Higginson, Thomas W.	4	Morris, Wistar	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Munro, Rebecca (Mrs. J. Finch)	1
Honey, Samuel R.	3	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	3	Newton, Dudley	2

Newton, Mrs. Hannah C.	1	Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1
Newton, Mary	5	Slocum, Marshall C.	1
Norman, Stephen H.	2	Smith, William H.	1
Paine, John	2	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Pearson, John (Estate)	1	Spooner, W. H. D.	1
Peckham, Edward W.	1	Stanton, Robert H.	1
Peckham, Felix	1	Stevens, David	1
Peckham, George H.	1	Stevens, William (Estate)	1
Peckham, Henry S.	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Peckham, Job A.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Peckham, Mary E (Mrs. Packard)	1	Stoddard, John C.	1
Peckham, Thomas P.	1	Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris	1
Peckham, W. Gm. Jr.	2	Swinburne, Daniel T. (Est.)	1
Pell-Clarke, Leslie	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden	1	Taylor, William Rogers	1
Perkins, Charles C.	1	Terrill, George	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	2	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Potter, Charles	1	Tiffany, George	2
Pray, Harley W.	1	Tilton, Frederick W.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Rhineland, Frederick W.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)	4
Rhodes, Benjamin H.	1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Rhodes, James T. (Estate)	3	Townsend, Edmund J.	1
Richardson, George H.	1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Turner, Henry E.	1
Richmond, George A.	1	Turner, Henry E. Jr.	1
Rider, Philip	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Riley, Henry C.	1	Underwood, Charles	1
Robeson, Andrew (Estate)	3	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Russell, Charles H.	4	Vernon, Samuel B. (Estate)	1
Russell, Harry	2	Vernon, William (Estate)	1
Sanford, William H.	1	Ward, A. Judson	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	1	Weaver, George B.	1
Seabury, William Gammell,	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Wetmore, Wm. B.	1
Sherman, Anthony S.	1	Wilbour, John (Estate)	1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Willard, E. W.	1
Sherman, William	1	Wilson, George H.	1
		Wormeley, Miss K. P.	1





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NEWPORT, R. I.,

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The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Ashhurst, Wm. H.

Atkinson, James

Bley, Joseph I.

By, Francis

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Engs, Samuel

Gould, Nathan H.

Hazard, Benj. of G.

Higginson, Thos W.

Honey, Samuel

Howland, Ben B.

ter, Thos

ter, Thos

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

CHARLES H. MALCOM,	CHARLES T. BROOKS,
DAVID KING,	THOMAS W. HIGGINSON,
WILLIAM GILPIN.	

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	SETH W. MACY,
ROBERT M. MASON,	JOB T. LANGLEY.

On Pictures and Statuary.

AUSTIN L. SANDS,	NATHAN H. GOULD,
HENRY H. FAY,	FREDERIC W. TILTON.

On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER,	GEORGE W. GIBBS.
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On Enlargement and Repairs.

JOHN T. BUSH,	GEORGE C. MASON,
AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,	WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,
GEORGE PEABODY WETMORE.	

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	CHARLES C. VANZANDT.
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On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.
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Brooks, Charles T.
Bush, John T.
Butler, Samuel W.
Clarke, Thomas H.
Clarke, William A.
Coddington, Charles B.

Engs, Samuel
Gould, Nathan H.
Hazard, Benj. of T. G.
Higginson, Thomas W.
Honey, Samuel R.
Howland, Benjamin B.
Hunter, Thomas R.
Ledyard, Lewis Cass
Malcom, Charles H.
Mason, George C.

Cozzens, George
Cozzens, William C.
Dunn, Thomas
Engs, John S.
Mason, Robert M.
Norman, Stephen H.
Parish, Daniel Jr. •
Peckham, Felix
Peckham, Thomas P.
Richmond, George A.
Rider, Philip

Sherman, Anthony S.
Sherman, Robert
Stanton, Robert H.
Stevens, David
Terrill, George
Tilton, Frederic W.
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton, B.
Turner, Henry E.
Van Zandt, Charles C.
Ward, A. Judson

Wilson, George H.

and one hundred and twenty-five, (125) proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

A. Ludlow Case,	George H. Peckham,
William Gammell,	Leslie Pell-Clarke,
Job T. Langley,	Clarence Robinson,
Mrs. Susan Augusta Pierson,	Charles Spooner.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library, was presented by Mr. Francis Brinley and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Vice President—CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Directors :

William H. Ashhurst,
Sidney Brooks,
John T. Bush,
Samuel W. Butler,
William A. Clarke,
Henry H. Fay,
George W. Gibbs,
William Gilpin,
Nathan H. Gould,
Thomas W. Higginson,
David King,
Job T. Langley,

Augustus N. Littlefield,
Seth W. Macy,
Charles H. Malcom,
George C. Mason,
Robert M. Mason,
Daniel Parish, Jr.,
Charles H. Russell,
Austin L. Sands,
William P. Sheffield,
Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry E. Turner,
Charles C. Van Zandt,

George Peabody Wetmore.

Treasurer—JOB T. LANGLEY.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1876.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Messrs. Henry H. Fay and Charles T. Brooks were appointed a Committee to examine the books.

Voted, That the ballots be destroyed by the Secretary at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to arrange the names of the Directors, in the Annual Report, in alphabetical order.

Mr. John S. Engs presented the following Resolution, which was passed :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors are hereby authorized to finish the addition to the Library Building, now in process of construction, provided the total cost of the same from beginning to completion, lighted, heated, and furnished, shall not exceed Thirty-one thousand dollars, (\$31,000.)

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1875.

The DIRECTORS of the REDWOOD LIBRARY, & ATHENÆUM, in compliance with the requirements of the fifteenth article of the Charter, as amended in 1856, respectfully present a Report of their proceedings for the past year.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors on the 12th of October, 1874, Mr. William C. Cozzens read a letter which he had received from the Executors of the late Dr. William Newton Mercer, dated at New-Orleans on the 26th of the previous September, stating that Dr. Mercer by his Last Will had bequeathed to the Redwood Library two original Portraits, one being of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the other of DANIEL WEBSTER, and both painted by the distinguished artist, Chester Harding. These testimonials of the continued and thoughtful regard of Dr. Mercer for this Institution, of which he had been a Director, were thankfully received, and Resolutions adopted expressive of respect for the memory and character of that venerable gentleman. These Portraits have arrived from New-Orleans, and are now in the Library.

At the same meeting of the Directors, was submitted a letter from the Executors of our late associate, John Carter Brown, containing an extract from his Will, by which the liberal sum of five thousand dollars was left to the Redwood Library. It was thereupon voted that the bequest be gratefully received, acknowledged, and applied to the use designated by the donor. That sum was promptly paid, and then deposited in the Savings Bank of Newport.

At a meeting of the Directors on the 10th of May last, Dr. David King made the following gratifying statement :

"I rise," said he, "to perform a pleasing and interesting duty. In the winter of 1873, during my residence in Paris, I had several conversations with Mrs. Joseph Tuckerman, with regard to the disposition of her brother's works, our late friend, the Poet. At the time of his lamented death, she had caused to be selected from his Library copies of the original editions of his works.— These had been sent to her in Europe, where many of them had been elegantly bound. At the period of our conversation, she was desirous of depositing them in some public Institution, where they might be preserved as a memorial of her brother's scholarship and attainments. I suggested the REDWOOD LIBRARY, as the appropriate place of deposit, considering the sincere interest which her brother, through life, had displayed in its concerns. She had adopted my advice, and sending the books to me, she writes to me from Paris, April 8th, 1875, to present them in her name to the Redwood Library Company. It is therefore my duty, as well as my pleasure, in behalf of Mrs. Lucy K. Tuckerman, to present to the Redwood Library Company, the works of the late HENRY T. TUCKERMAN, Esq."

Whereupon it was decided that appropriate Resolutions be presented to Mrs. Tuckerman for the valuable donation of her brother's literary works, and the framed Photograph of Mr. Tuckerman, which accompanied them.

These volumes, when received, were enclosed in a beautiful casket of ebony and cedar, on which was inscribed :

"THE WORKS
OF
HENRY THEODORE TUCKERMAN,
Presented to the
REDWOOD LIBRARY, NEWPORT, R. I."

Very frequent contributions are made to the Library and to its Cabinet of Curiosities, a list of which will be added to this

Report. But the bequests and gifts above referred to, seemed to require special notice and formal acknowledgment.

The Library.

The condition of the Books in the Library is as satisfactory as could be expected in view of their inadequate accommodation. We impatiently wait for the time when our careful Librarian shall have greater facilities for continuing his work in classifying, cataloguing and fittingly arranging our increasing collection.

The number of Books at the date of the last

Annual Report, was	20.634
Since added by purchase,	316
“ “ “ donation,	293
“ “ “ binding periodicals,	60

Making the whole number on hand September 1st, 1875, 21.303

One hundred and fifty-two pamphlets, including Magazines and Reviews, have been given during the last twelve months.

By the statement of the Librarian, it appears that the number of books circulated for the year ending the first of September, 1875, was 12,504; an increase of almost fifteen hundred volumes over the circulation of the previous year.

The receipts and disbursements for the year ending the 29th of September, 1875, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

As per Treasurer's report,	\$14.277,70.
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EXPENDITURES.

As per Treasurer's Report,	\$14.125,19
Balance on hand September 29, 1875,	\$152,51

The Enlargement.

The work on the addition to the Library Building, which, according to contract, was suspended during the winter, was punctually resumed in the Spring. By the harmonious cöoperation of the Committee on Enlargement, the Architect and the Contractors, it was so far advanced a few weeks ago, that it became necessary to arrange for finishing and furnishing the interior, in regard to its destined use.

Accordingly, on the 12th of August last, it was voted by the Directors, that the Committee on Enlargement and repairs be authorized and requested to raise means for furnishing and finishing the new building now under construction, in such way as they may judge expedient, either by loan or otherwise, to an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars.

It was intended by the vote, to provide for the necessary heating apparatus—plumbing—cess-pools—grading—fencing—book-shelves—furniture—architect's commissions, and any other unavoidable charges for labor, materials or liabilities not included in, and covered by, the contract for enlargement. It is confidently expected that all work of that description will be completed by the first of next December.

At that meeting of the Directors the Committee on Finance was instructed to obtain the privilege of carpenter's and builder's rates from the parties insuring against fire on the present Library, for a period of four months, and also to obtain insurance against fire on the new enlarged Library Building; both of which have been effected.

At the same meeting of the Directors, a letter from the Architect was read inviting attention to the condition of the roof over the Reading Room, which he represented would soon look badly, as many of the shingles were cracked through six or seven courses. It was referred to the Committee on Enlargement, with authority to act in the premises. They gave immediate attention to this important matter, and caused the roof to be slated.

As the Committee on Enlargement was authorized to raise by loan, or otherwise, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars for finishing and furnishing the new building, it is important to determine how the interest on that sum shall be paid if it be obtained by loan. It is a matter for the immediate attention of the proprietors.

Death of Members.

During the past year this Institution has been called upon to record the unanticipated decease of a useful, quiet and unostentatious benefactor, the late DR. GEORGE A. HAMMETT, of this city. To some of his friends it was known, that for years he had passed his leisure hours in composing a poetical translation of the works of Virgil. At the time of his death he had almost completed the Herculean labor, having finished the Eclogues, the Georgics, and twelve Books of the *Æneid*, except a part of Book 4. Quite recently his widow, and Executrix, very thoughtfully presented to this Library two volumes of the carefully written manuscript of his formidable undertaking. They are a wonderful testimony to his taste, industry and scholarly attainments.

Not long ago, the ranks of the Directors were broken by the death of an esteemed associate, ROBERT H. IVES; and now we are saddened by the recent demise of our late President, EDWARD KING. As we are gathered in this Hall, and contemplate the costly specimens of Statuary, which he contributed for its embellishment, we may fairly use the epitaph on Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, in London,

“Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.”

Certainly it is no ordinary misfortune, that within about a twelve-month, we should have lost not only Dr. Hammett, but three members of such well known reputation and influence as John Carter Brown, Robert H. Ives, and Edward King. They have laid aside the cares and anxieties of this mortal life, and put on immortality.

The Number of Directors.

A Resolution was adopted at the last annual meeting of the Proprietors, authorizing the Directors "to prepare and present at the next annual meeting, a plan for the reduction of the Board; and that they be authorized to take such legal advice and to obtain such permissive legislation as may be necessary for that purpose."

The Directors have carefully considered the subject referred to them, and find that by the original Charter of "The Company of the Redwood Library," it had full power for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors.

The earliest book of Records, which is entitled the "Minute Book of the Company of the Redwood Library, 1747," begins thus:—"At a meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library in the Council Chamber at Newport, the last Wednesday of September, 1747,—this being the first meeting of the Company since their Incorporation, the Charter was publicly read. It was agreed by the Company, that the Directors shall be *eight* in number, and any five of them shall constitute a quorum."

Eight continued to be the number of Directors until the year 1791. If the Charter had not been subjected to alterations at different times, the Company would, at this day, possess the unquestioned right, conferred by the Charter of 1747, to regulate the election and number of Directors.

It appears by an almost illegible record of a meeting on the 14th of October, 1785, that the Directors were ordered to petition the General Assembly, at their next session, for a renewal of the Charter.—But it was not until the October session, 1790, that "An Act for the better regulating and defining the powers of the Company of the Redwood Library, in the Town of Newport," was passed. It enacts "That there shall be *five* Directors chosen, three of whom shall be a quorum: that William Vernon, John Bours, Nicholas P. Tillinghast, Robert Stevens, and Jonathan Easton, Jun., shall be the present Directors, under the Or-

ders, Laws and Regulations of said Company, and until others shall be appointed by the said Company in their room and stead."

At a meeting of the Company on the 2d day of August, 1791, "agreeable," (to use the language of the Record,) "to an Act of the General Assembly of said State, made and passed at a sessions thereof, begun and held by adjournment at Providence, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday in October, A. D. 1790, entitled an Act for the better regulating and defining the powers of the Company of the Redwood Library in the Town of Newport," and also another Act of the said General Assembly made and passed at a Sessions thereof, begun and held at Newport, within and for said State, the first Wednesday in May, A. D. 1791, entitled An Act in addition to an Act for the better regulating and defining the powers of the Redwood Library in the Town of Newport, it was "Voted and Resolved, That agreeably to the afore recited Act, Thomas Wickam be Treasurer of the Library Company, and that William Vernon, John Bours, Nicholas P. Tillinghast, Robert Stevens and Jonathan Easton, Jun., be Directors till the Annual Meeting;" on which occasion five Directors, only, were chosen. It is proper to state, in this connection, that the Act of May, 1791, has no reference to choice and number of Directors.

Notwithstanding the Act of 1790, which was accepted by the Company, provided "that there shall be *five* Directors chosen," the Proprietors on the 26th of August, 1810, adopted certain rules and regulations, the 13th article being as follows:—"The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among the members, a President, Five Directors," &c.—A very superfluous vote as regards the number of Directors.

The Charter was again amended by the General Assembly, at the October session, 1833. The 13th Article is in the very words of the 13th Article adopted by the proprietors in 1810, to wit: "The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members, a President, *five* Directors, &c." This seems to be legislation out of superabundant caution.

For a series of years efforts had been made "to increase the efficiency of the Institution" with indifferent success. At length, At a meeting of the Directors October 10, 1855, it was voted "that it was expedient to procure from the General Assembly, amendments to the Charter empowering the Company to elect, at their annual meetings, *eleven* Directors instead of *five*."

Accordingly, at the session of the General Assembly, January, 1856, an act passed amending the Charter, and providing "That the Company, at their annual meetings shall elect from among their members, a President, *eleven* Directors," &c.

A Report of the Directors, elected September 26, 1860, recommended "that an application be made to the General Assembly for an amendment to the Charter, authorizing the Company to elect a Vice-President, (who shall be *ex-officio* a Director,) also to *add* not exceeding *eight* to the number of Directors, so that the whole number of Directors which it shall be in the power of the Company to elect at any time shall be *nineteen*, of whom six shall be a quorum at any meeting. This will enlarge the active element in the Directors, and also afford an opportunity for appointments among those members whose circumstances or avocations prevent a regular attendance at the meeting of the Board."

The General Assembly was accommodating, and at its January session in 1861, passed an Act, the first section of which provided "that in addition to the officers which the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may now elect by law, the said Corporation *may* annually elect a Vice-President who shall be *ex-officio* a Director, and not exceeding *eight* additional Directors."

The language of the act is permissive, as to the additional number of Directors,—not compulsory.

At the annual meeting September 21, 1861, nineteen Directors were chosen; that was accomplished, by adding eight new members to the eleven old members. Since then, the number has fluctuated from eighteen to twenty-five.

Once more the Charter was subjected to Legislative modification, for at the annual meeting of the Directors in 1866, it was "voted, that the Directors be authorized to petition the General Assembly for an amendment to the Charter, providing for the creation of preferred shares of capital stock, as recommended by the Board of Directors; also to increase the number of Directors to twenty-five, if deemed advisable; and, also to have the name of the Institution restored to its original title, if there should be no substantial objection."

On the petition of the Directors, the General Assembly, at the January session, 1867, passed an act in amendment of the Charter, allowing the issue of new shares; the second section provides that "The Board of Directors of said Corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five."

Such is the history of the changes made in the number of the Board of Directors. It may be legally increased to twenty-five; it cannot be reduced to a less number than eleven, but by an alteration of the Charter.

The act of January, 1856, is imperative that the Company "*shall elect*," eleven Directors.

The act of January, 1861, is *permissive*; the Company "*may elect*" not exceeding eight additional members.

The act of January, 1867, is also *permissive*; the members "*may be increased* to any number not exceeding twenty-five."

The questions arise, is it expedient at this time to reduce the number, and if so, how shall it be effected? It may be rightfully inferred from the vote of last year, that the Board as constituted was considered to be too large for a good administration body, and that a smaller number would possess, in a more marked degree, the element of efficiency and responsibility.

If that be so, how shall the reduction be accomplished?

The Directors cannot advise that the Proprietors by formal vote cut down the number, because it would force upon them the ungracious duty of determining who should be left out.

They recommend this plan, (if it be the judgment of the Proprietors that the number of Directors ought to be reduced,) that the Company refrain from filling vacancies in the Board, until such a number as they may deem best, not less, however, than the Chartered minimum number eleven, shall be reached.

The Directors are gratified to be able to represent that for the Redwood Library the people of Newport entertain an almost reverential regard; that it is steadily increasing its attractions, both to the student, and to the transient visitor; that its affairs have been carefully looked after by the several committees, and that there is no reason to apprehend any diminution of its prosperity and usefulness, if discreetly managed.

Newport, September 29th, 1875.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,
For the Directors.

Obituary Resolutions.

The following Resolutions, presented by the HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, July 12, 1875 :

Resolved, That the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum receive the intelligence of the death of ROBERT H. IVES, with mingled emotions of grief and gratitude ;—grief, that we shall not be animated by the counsels and sympathy of a generous contributor to this Institution ; gratitude, that by Divine favor he passed not away until he was crowned with length of honorable years.

The tone of thought and the literary habits acquired within the quiet walls of a University, are thought to be adverse to success in the stern and worldly strife for mercantile distinction. In the mental organism of Mr. IVES was harmoniously blended the taste of a refined worshipper of polite learning, and the robust ability to enter into, arrange and control the intricate plans of the intrepid merchant. Hence, inherited wealth was not merely preserved, but steadily augmented by his business capability, and then dispensed with the unostentatious munificence of a modest student.

Resolved, That by the death of Mr. IVES, the State has lost an unselfish Patriot ;—the Church, which he loved, a devout Christian ; and the Eleemosynary and other Institutions in which he was interested, a generous benefactor and safe adviser.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the above Resolutions be transmitted to Mrs. GAMMELL, the only surviving child of our late associate.

RESOLUTIONS on the death of the President of the Redwood Library and Athenæum.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held Sept. 3d, 1875, the follow-

ing Resolutions, prepared and presented by HON. C. C. VAN ZANDT, were unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have received the announcement of the death of EDWARD KING, the President of this Association, and desire to express and to spread upon their Records, their appreciation of his services to this Institution, and their valued recollection of his character as a citizen and a man, Therefore

Resolved,—That the Redwood Library and Athenæum has lost one of its strongest and most attached friends and liberal benefactors, whose generous gifts and active services have extended through many years, and the members of this Board experience the most sincere grief at his death, in the maturity of his powers and the strength of his usefulness.

Resolved,—That his eminently conservative and modest character, combined with rare business and executive qualifications, are entitled to general remembrance, admiration and respect, and that we desire to express, with delicate consideration, our sympathy with his bereaved widow and family in this their greatest loss.

Resolved,—That as an appropriate expression of our sorrow and regard, this Board of Directors will attend the funeral services of their late President, and the Secretary is instructed to cause this, their unanimous action, to be communicated to the family of the deceased and placed upon its records and published in the Newport and Providence newspapers.

DR. **REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENEUM** *in account with* **THOMAS P. PECKHAM, Treasurer.** CR.
(A Recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

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The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of THOMAS F. PROKHAM, Esq., Treasurer of the Redwood Library, has examined the same and finds them correct.

NEWPORT, Sept. 27, 1875.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.

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APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$ 10,000	John Foster,	100
Geo. Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Henry S. Fearing,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	Frederick Sheldon,	100
Edward King,	500	J. Winthrop Chanler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm. F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm A. Clarke,	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson,	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A friend to the Library,	100	Wm. Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer,	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
		Total,	\$20,025 00

The following is a List of all the Gifts to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

	Vols.	Ppbs.
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., Boston,	1	
Amory, Thomas C., Boston,		1
Anderson, Mrs. Charles,	12	
Armstrong, Gen. S. C., Va.	2	
Arnold, Dr. Edmund S. F.,	22	
Barrows, Dr. H. G., Boston,	18	
Bartlett, Hon. J. R., Providence,	1	
Bird, Hon. Francis, Boston,	1	
Brookline, Mass., Public Library,	1	3
Brooks, Rev. Charles T.,	38	57
Brown, Obadiah, Benevolent Fund,	20	
Burns, William C., <i>London</i> ,	5	2
Bush, Mrs. J. T.; Liberal Christian, Christian Reg., continued.		
Calvert, George H., Academy, Banner of Light, Phenological		
Jour., Publisher's Weekly, Popular Sci. Monthly, con.	1	
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow,	50	
" " " 31 large Photo., 38 Stereoscopic.		
Clarke, Thomas H.,	1	
Cobden Club,	1	6
Columbia College, per F. P. Barnard, Pres., B. R. Betts, Lib'n.	1	
Concord, Mass.,	1	1
Cooke, Prof. Joseph P.,		1
Crocker, Augustus,	1	
Curtis, Mrs. Daniel I.,	3	
Fall River, Public Library,	1	2
Gould, N. H.,	1	
Hammett, Charles E.,		5
Hammett, Mrs. G. A., 2 Mss. vols.,	2	
Harris, C. Fiske, Providence,	1	
Hazard, Thomas R.,	2	
Higginson, Col. Thomas W., Jour. Speculative Philos, con.,	12	5
Home Journal, N. Y., per George Perry & M. Phillips, con.		
Honey, S. R., Christian Union, Country Gentleman, The		
South, continued,	3	
Hunter, Charles, Estate of,	87	55
King, Miss E. S.	1	
King, George Gordon, Map of Rhode Island with Indian names.		
La Farge, John,	3	34
Lake, William D.,	1	1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library,		7
Lee, John Wm., Merc. Library, Baltimore,	1	



LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. "OWNERS OF 'SPECIAL SHARES' OF \$100,
exempt from all assessments or taxation by the Corporation."

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL
ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

	\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.		\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.
Allman, Benjamin H. Jr.		1	Campbell, George J.		1
Allan, Erastus P.		1	Carey, John		1
Allan, William S. N.		1	Caswell, John R.		1
Almy, Margarette G.		1	Caswell, Philip	1	
Anderson, Martha M.	1		Chase, Gilbert		1
Anderson, Rosalie Redwood	1		Chase, Sarah I.		1
Ashhurst, William H.	1		Child, William S.		1
Atkinson, James		1	Clarke, Harriet		1
Bailey, Joseph I.		1	Clarke, Thomas H.		2
Bailey, Samuel C.		1	Clarke, William A.		4
Barber, Charles P.		1	Coddington, Charles B.		1
Barker, Robert S.		2	Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)		1
Barreda, F. L.		8	Coggeshall, John S.		1
Beck, Henry Paul (Estate)		1	Coggeshall, Thomas		1
Beeckman, Helen	1		Congdon, John C.		1
Berry Mrs. M. T.		2	Congdon, William P.		1
Bliss, William H.		1	Cook, George I. (Estate)		1
Bolt, Edward D.		4	Cooke, Joseph J.	1	
Bowen, George		1	Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.		1
Bowen, Stephen (Estate)		1	Cornell, Richard	1	
Bowler, William T.		1	Cornell, William		1
Bradford, Joseph		1	Cottrell, Michael		1
Breese, Thomas (Estate)		1	Cottrell, Silas H.		1
Brinley, Edward H.		1	Cozzens, George		2
Brinley, Edward L.		4	Cozzens, Henry W.		1
Brinley, Francis		1	Cozzens, John H.		1
Bronson, Arthur		1	Cozzens, William C.	1	2
Brooks, Charles T.	1		Deblois, John S.		1
Brooks, Sidney	1	6	D'Hauterville, Mrs. S. W.		1
Brown, Mrs. Grace		1	Dennis, John D.		1
Brown, John Cagter, (Estate)		1	Denniston, George Jr.		1
Brown, Samuel		1	Dumont, Elizabeth S.		1
Brownell, William		1	Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)		1
Buffum, Thomas B.		1	Dunn, Thomas		1
Bull, Henry		1	Edgar, William		1
Burdick, J. Truman		1	Ellery, Mary G. & H. C.		1
Bush, Augustus		1	Engs, George		1
Bush, John T.		2	Engs, John S.		1
Butler, Samuel W.	1	2	Engs, Samuel		1
Cahoone, Stephen, (Estate)		1	Ennis, Caroline W.		1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1		Fay, Henry H.		1
Callender, Elizabeth		1	Fearing, George Richmond	1	
Calvert, George H.		1	Field, John W.		1



ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1876.

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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1876-7.

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On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

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HENRY E. TURNER, DANIEL PARISH, JR.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 27th, 1876.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 1876.

At the hour appointed, HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Brinley, Francis	Parish, Daniel Jr.
Brooks, Charles T.	Rhoades Benjamin H.
Bush, John T.	Richmond George A.
Clarke, Wm. A.	Stevens, Wm. G.
Crandall, George F.	Tilley, Benjamin J.
Deblois, Henry D.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Higginson, Thomas W.	Tompkins, Frederick
Honey, Samuel R.	Turner, Henry E.
King, David	Turner, Henry E. Jr.
Mason, George C.	Wales, George W.
Norman, Stephen H.	Ward, A. Judson
	Ward, Henry N.

and eight proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

George Bancroft,	George F. Crandall,
Helen Beeckman,	Henry D. Deblois,
Henry Williams Cooke,	Daniel B. Fitts,
Mary E. Nicolai.	

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

Letters were read from Messrs. Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, George Peabody Wetmore and Nathan H. Gould, who have all been members of the Board of Directors for many years, severally resigning their places as Directors and declining re-election, and while they express their cordial good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Institution, they entertain the hope that vacancies thus or otherwise occurring will not be filled until the Board is reduced considerably below its present unwieldy proportions.

On motion of Mr. Higginson it was *Voted* that the Company elect twenty-one Directors for the ensuing year.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Vice President—CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Directors :

William H. Ashhurst,	Augustus N. Littlefield,
John T. Bush,	Seth W. Macy,
Samuel W. Butler,	Charles H. Malcom,

William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	Robert M. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	Daniel Parish, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Austin L. Sands,
Thomas W. Higginson,	William P. Sheffield,
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Job T. Langley,	Henry E. Turner,
Charles C. Van Zandt.	

Treasurer—JOB T. LANGLEY.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *Voted* That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1876.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

The following Resolution, presented by Samuel R. Honey, Esq., was lost by a vote of 5 yeas and 12 nays.

Resolved, that whenever ten or more proprietors shall unite in a written request therefor, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to open the Library Building on Sundays between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. for the use of proprietors and subscribers only, provided that a suitable person can be found to take charge and preserve order without any expense to the Company.

But nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the issuing of books, or to compel the attendance of the Librarian or his assistant.

Adjourned,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1876.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, respectfully submit a REPORT for the year ending the 27th day of September, 1876.

The most important question which came before the Board of Directors during the past year, was, how shall the Company provide for its liabilities incident to the enlargement of the Library Building?

For a clear understanding of this grave question, it is proper that we give a retrospective glance at the recorded action of the Directors and of the Company during that period.

At the last annual meeting, the Directors were authorized to finish the building then in process of construction, "provided the whole cost of the same from beginning to completion, lighted, heated and furnished, should not exceed thirty-one thousand dollars."

The Reports of the Architect and of the Committee on Enlargement, which were made to a Directors' meeting on the 10th of October, 1875, represented that the addition was nearly finished, and would be ready for occupation in a few weeks. It must not be overlooked, that the construction of it involved the necessity of making repairs and alterations in the original building and centre room; therefore, at a meeting of the Directors on the 13th of December, 1875, the President was ordered to call a special meeting of the Company, that the Directors might obtain

authority to provide means to pay for such repairs and alterations as were necessary. A special meeting of the Company was accordingly called for the 22d of December, 1875, when it was voted that the Directors hire six thousand dollars for completing the work on the new building, pursuant to the vote passed at the annual meeting of September 29, 1875, and the further sum of one thousand dollars for repairs and alterations of the old building, and for other purposes.

To carry out that design, in legal form, another special meeting of the Company was held on the 28th of December, 1875, and it was then voted, that the Treasurer hire six thousand dollars for a period not exceeding one year, with interest not to exceed six per cent; and the further sum of seven hundred dollars for a period not exceeding one year, and at a rate of interest not over seven per cent.—These votes were substituted for the previous vote of December 22d, 1875. There was no difficulty in borrowing the money, and it has been used as contemplated.

The Committee on Enlargement reported to the Directors on the 14th of February, 1876, that the work entrusted to them was brought to a close, and they presented a detailed statement of all expenses connected with it from its inception to that day.

The total expenditure was \$31,696.03, being the precise amount received from all sources, and leaving the Company in debt six thousand seven hundred dollars for borrowed money; an expenditure justified by circumstances, and sanctioned by the votes of the Directors and of the Company.

After the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs had explained their action during their term of duty, it was voted, on motion of Dr. Henry E. Turner, that the thanks

of the Directors be presented to the Committee for their faithful and laborious services.

The amount of debt was necessarily a source of anxiety to the friends of the Library, and various suggestions have been made as to the best way of cancelling it. Among them was the following, which Dr. King was requested to introduce at a meeting of the Directors on the 12th of June last :

“ In view of the necessity of obtaining means for the payment of the principal and interest of the indebtedness of the Company, and for needful repairs, etc., it is deemed expedient to apply to the Legislature for authority to issue ‘special shares,’ of \$100 each, and to obtain subscriptions for such an amount of them as required.

“ That a Committee be now appointed to prepare a Petition and Bill embracing the following amendments of the Charter :

“ The Directors be authorized, in their discretion, to issue one hundred additional ‘special shares,’ of the par value of \$100 each, which, like those authorized by Act of 1867, shall be exempted from all assessments and taxes by the Corporation, the proceeds of which shares shall be used in the liquidation of the indebtedness of the Library Company, and for such repairs and further improvements in their Building as are necessary. No more shares of \$25 shall be created, nor re-issued, and while each one of such shares now existing in the hands of share-holders shall continue to enjoy its one vote, the holder of each ‘special share’ of \$100 shall be also entitled to the equitable right of one vote for each \$25 paid upon such ‘special share.’

“ To enable the holders of \$25 shares to consolidate them into the larger shares, an increased number of \$100 ‘special shares’ may be asked for.”

This paper was referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Directors. The Committee consisted of Dr. David King, Rev. Charles H. Malcom, Col. Thomas W. Higginson, William H. Ashhurst, Esq., and Dr. Henry E. Turner.

That Committee at the monthly meeting of the Directors on the 10th of last July, reported, "that they had unanimously decided, that it would be inexpedient to adopt it, (that is, the plan for special shares,) for the reason that it would give to the new share-holders a greater proportionate power or privilege than belonged to extra share-holders." The report was laid upon the table, to be called up at the next regular meeting of the Board, if expedient.

At a Directors' meeting on the 14th of August, 1876, Dr. Henry E. Turner offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that it was expedient to sell a piece of land in the rear of the Library Building, and that we recommend to the Corporation that a Committee be appointed with instructions and authority to dispose of a Lot, not exceeding seventy feet in width, at a price not less than one dollar per square foot, of which any amount exceeding our present indebtedness shall be funded, and the proceeds applied only to the liquidation of current expenses."

This proposition, after brief discussion, was rejected, for a variety of cogent reasons, which it is not proposed to embody in this Report, as we anticipate that it may be renewed at the annual meeting of the share-holders, for their consideration.

These are the only plans which have been formally acted on by the Board of Directors.

We are indebted to the liberality of many resident and other valued friends for various donations to the

Library; especially to the Hon. Henry B. Anthony, and the Hon. Ambrose E. Burnside, Senators from Rhode Island in the Congress of the United States; the Hon. Benjamin T. Eames, Representative in Congress from this District; Hon. William Hunter, 2d Assistant Secretary of State, and Brig. Gen. A. A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Charles T. Brooks, Col. T. W. Higginson, and Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., of Newport.

Among the contributions to the Library, there were two of peculiar interest, and for which the President was directed to send suitable letters of acknowledgment.

The late Henry T. Tuckerman, (whose literary works were added to our Library last year, by the liberality of his sister,) composed a few impressive lines on the death of President Lincoln. These were copied by Mrs. Richard M. Hunt, of this city, in an elaborate and ornamental style, then framed and offered to this institution for acceptance. On receipt of this interesting work of art and of poetic genius, a letter was addressed to Mrs. Hunt, of which the following is a copy:

REDWOOD LIBRARY,

NEWPORT, *August 16th, 1876.*

MADAM,—The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have requested me to acknowledge the receipt of the illuminated copy of the lines composed by the late Henry T. Tuckerman, on the death of the lamented ABRAHAM LINCOLN, so kindly presented by you to the Library, and which have the additional charm of being illustrated by your artistic taste and skill. Be pleased to accept the cordial thanks of the Directors for this valued and delicate token of your regard for an ancient institution of Newport. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

MRS. RICHARD M. HUNT, *Bellevue Avenue.*

The other donation to which reference has been made, was from George P. Lawton, Esq., of Troy, N. Y. He was the owner of a portrait of the celebrated POLLY LAWTON, one of the distinguished belles of Newport in the Revolutionary period, and by a letter addressed to Col. T. W. Higginson, on the 28th of June last, he desired to know if this Association would accept it.

In a subsequent letter, in reply to one from the Librarian, notifying him that the Directors had voted to accept this charming portrait, Mr. Lawton writes, "I am very much gratified at its acceptance, not only on account of my family, (which, until the last generation, lived in Newport ever since the first Lawton came to this country,) but because I take a deep interest in the past and present of that historic town."

A letter, of which the following is a copy, was then transmitted to Mr. Lawton:

REDWOOD LIBRARY,

NEWPORT, *August 14th, 1876.*

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held this day, I was instructed to inform you that the portrait of the beautiful POLLY LAWTON, which you were pleased to present to this Library, had been received, and to express their great obligation to you for the opportunity of adding to their collection this admirable presentment of one of the historic women of Newport.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

President.

GEORGE P. LAWTON, ESQ.,

Counsellor at Law, Troy, N. Y.

I trust to be excused, if, in this connection, I introduce a passage or two from the Memoirs of Count Seguin, who was with the French troops in Newport under De Rochambeau.

After referring in terms of admiration to the "modest and handsome women" and "enlightened men" in the "delightful" society of Newport, he writes,

"My longest visits were paid to an old man, very silent, who very seldom bared his thoughts, and never bared his head. His gravity and monosyllable conversation announced at first that he was a Quaker. It must be confessed, in spite of all the veneration I felt for his virtues, our first interview would probably have been our last, had I not seen the door of the drawing-room suddenly open, and a being which resembled a nymph, rather than a woman, enter the apartment. So much beauty, so much simplicity, so much elegance, and so much modesty, were, perhaps never combined in the same person. It was Polly Leighton, (the way it was then pronounced, but it was always spelt Lawton,) the daughter of my grave Quaker. Her gown was white, like herself, while her ample muslin neckerchief, and the envious cambric of her cap, which scarcely allowed me to see her light colored hair, and the modest attire, in short, of a pious virgin, seemed vainly to endeavor to conceal the most beautiful form imaginable. Her eyes appeared to reflect, as in a mirror, the meekness and purity of her mind, and the goodness of her heart. She received us with an open ingenuity which delighted me, and the use of the familiar word 'thou' which the rules of her sect prescribed, gave to our acquaintance the appearance of an old friendship."

After reciting portions of an interesting conversation in which she mildly rebuked him for coming "to fight the

English ;" and modestly maintaining that all war was inhuman, the Count writes, " What could I reply to that angel? for, in truth, I was tempted to believe that she was a celestial being. Certain it is, that, if I had not been married and happy, I should, whilst coming to defend the liberty of the American, have lost my own at the feet of Polly Leighton."—[*Peterson's History of Rhode Island*, 141-2.]

In this connection it may be added that our very large number of portraits and pictures has been cleaned and put up at an expense of about seventy-five dollars. They occupy a great portion of the walls of the new structure, and somewhat interfere with the proper accommodation of the twenty-one thousand volumes constituting the Library. The enlargement was judiciously designed to be fitted up with galleries for books, and not as a gallery for pictures, whenever we were possessed of sufficient funds; until then, there is no great probability that effective measures can be adopted to limit the use of the building to those habitués of the Library who resort to it for quiet reading or literary investigations.

By vote of the Directors on the 10th of last April, Dr. DAVID KING was requested to prepare a short sketch of the history of the Library for the Centennial volume, as recommended by the Hon. T. P. Stockwell, Commissioner of Public Schools of Rhode Island. Dr. King promptly prepared such a sketch which has been printed, and is now ready for distribution.

This sketch was condensed as much as possible, in order to accommodate it to the special purpose for which it was solicited. Its destination will secure it a circulation wider than that of the usual Annual Report of the Directors, and therefore we may fairly hope it will prove advantageous to the Library.

The Directors recall with great pleasure the repeated, quiet and unsolicited contributions to our resources by Henry Morris, Esq., of Philadelphia. Very recently he offered one hundred dollars to be used for laying a flag-stone walk from the front gate to the steps of the building. This proffered donation for so useful a purpose was gratefully accepted, and the work has been completed within the estimate of the considerate donor.

The number of books at the date of the last Annual Report was 21,303

Since added,

By purchase, 184

By gift, 217

By binding periodicals and pamphlets, 21

Total number, Sept 1, 1876, 21,725

Forty-two pamphlets have been given during the last twelve months.

The number of books circulated for the year ending Sept. 1, 1875, was 11,756.

The receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending the 11th of September, 1876, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

As per Treasurer's Report, \$30,264.91

EXPENDITURES.

As per Treasurer's Report, 29,981.47

Balance on hand September 11, 1876, \$283.44

In conclusion, the Directors beg leave to add, that they deemed it a duty to invite attention to the financial condition of the Company. They have no reason to apprehend that any serious consequences will result from its

indebtedness. On the contrary, they believe that its prospect for the future is bright and encouraging; that the daily augmenting attractions of the Library will insure the regard of the public, the sympathy of the student, and that it will in days to come as in those of the past, receive such material aid, as will clear it of all pecuniary responsibility incurred for the necessary enlargement of the edifice. It will then be very easy to confine its current expenditures within its income, without sacrificing any important interest, or impairing its usefulness.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, September 27, 1876.

The following is a list of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

- Anderson, Miss M. M., 1 vol.
 Anthony, Hon. Henry B. 2 vols.
 Boston Athenaeum, 1 vol.
 Boston Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
 Brinley, Hon. Francis 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Brooks, Rev. C. T. 21 vols.
 Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1 vol.
 Bush, Mrs. John T. Liberal Christian and Christian Register continued.
 Butler, Dr. Samuel W. 6 vols.
 Calvert, George H. 3 vols. "Academy," "Publisher's Weekly," Popular Science Monthly," continued.
 Case, Admiral A. Ludlow 1 vol.
 Caswell, Prof. Alexis 1 pph.
 Childs, G. W. of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Clarke, Thomas H. 1 vol.
 Colt, Mrs. Samuel of Hartford, 1 vol.
 Cooke, Joseph J. 52 vols.
 Crocker, E. A. 2 vols.
 Crooker, Miss 2 vols.
 Dall, Mrs. 1 vol.
 "Domestic Monthly," gift of Walter Sherman, continued.
 Dunham, Howard of Winthrop, Mass., 1 vol.
 Eldred, John 1 vol.
 Francis, Dr. Samuel W. 2 vols., 3 pphs.
 Gammell, Mrs. William, 1 vol.
 Gibbs, Frederick A. of San Francisco, 1 vol.
 Goodwin, Miss J. 1 pph.
 Greene, Dr. S. Abbott of Boston, 4 pphs.
 Harper, J. W. of New York, 1 vol.
 Harvard College, 1 pph.
 Higginson, Col. Thomas W. 38 vols. 6 pphs. 2 lith. portraits, "Western" and "Woman's Journal," continued.
 Home Journal, New York, per Geo. Perry and M. Phillips, continued.

- Honey, Samuel R. "Christian Union," Country Gentleman,"
and "The South" continued.
- Hunt, Mrs. Richard M. Illuminated Stanza, framed.
- Hunter, Hon. William of Washington, 6 vols. and Geographical
and Political Atlas, folio.
- "Index," gift of publishers.
- La Farge, John 15 vols. 11 mags.
- Lawrence, Mass. Public Library, Bulletins continued.
- Malcom, Rev. Charles H. 1 vol., 5 pphs.
- Mason, George C. Jr. 1 pph.
- Mass. Board of Health, 1 vol., 1 pph.
- "Narragansett Weekly," per. G. B. and J. H. Utter, continued.
- "New Jerusalem Messenger," gift of publishers, continued.
- Newport City, 1 vol.
- New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
- Parish, Daniel Jr. 1 vol. 4to.
- Peckham, Charles B. 4 vols.
- Peckham, William G. Jr. 1 vol.
- Potter, Mrs. Charles 1 vol.
- Potter, Mrs. Edward N. 1 vol.
- Providence R. I. City, 1 vol.
- Providence R. I. County Court House, 1 vol. folio.
- Religio-Philos. Journal, gift of publisher, continued.
- Rhode Island, State of, per Hon. J. M. Addeman, 1 vol., 1 pph.
- Riley, Joseph H. 4 vols.
- Salem, Mass. Essex Inst., Bulletin, continued.
- San Francisco, City of, 1 vol.
- Smithsonian Institute, 2 vols.
- Still, William 3 vols.
- Stout, Francis A. 1 pph.
- Swinburne, Hon. Wm. J. 1 pph.
- Tompkins, Hamilton B. 1 vol.
- United States, per Hon. B. T. Eames, 16 vols.
- " " Coast Survey, 1 vol.
- " " Engineer Department, 6 vols. 4to.
- " " Interior Department, 36 vols.
- " " "Patent Office Gazette" continued.
- " " State Department, 2 vols. 1 pph.

Van Horne, Rev. M. 1 vol.

Wales, George W. of Boston, 1 vol.

Ward, C. H. of New York, 1 vol.

Waring, Col. George E. Jr. 2 vols. 5 large Lithographs.

Waring, Mrs. G. E. Jr. 1 vol.

Wetmore, George Peabody 87 vols.

Wharton, Mrs. Deborah F. 1 vol.

Wilkinson, Rev. Israel 1 vol.

Winthrop, Hon. Robert C. 1 vol. 1 pph.

Woolsey, Miss Sarah 1 vol. "Saturday Review," and "Nation"
continued.

Wormeley, Miss K. P. 2 vols.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *continued.*

	\$100	\$25		\$100	\$25
	sh.	sh.		sh.	sh.
Sanford, Henry S.	1		Terrill, George		1
Sanford, William H.	1		Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia		1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1		Tiffany, George		2
Seabury, Thomas Mumford	1		Tilton, Frederic W.		1
Seabury, William Gammell	1		Tompkins, Frederick		1
Sears, David (Estate)	1		Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1	
Sheffield, William P.	1		Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)		4
Sherman, Albert K.	1		Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.		1
Sherman, Anthony S.	1		Townsend, Edmund J.		1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1		Townsend, John F. (Estate)		1
Sherman, Isaac, (of N. Y.)	1		Tucker, William W.	1	
Sherman, Robert	1		Turner, Henry E.		1
Sherman, Willam	1		Turner, Henry E. Jr.		1
Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1		Tweedy, Edmund		2
Smith, Alfred	1		Underwood, Chas. W. (Estate)		1
Smith, William H.	1		Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1	
Southwick, J. McK.	1		Van Zandt, Charles Collins		1
Spooner, Charles	1		Vernon, Samuel B.		1
Spooner, Edwin G.	1		Vernon, William (Estate)		1
Spooner, W. H. D.	1		Wales, George W.	1	
Staigg, Richard M.	1		Ward, Adoniram Judson		1
Stanton, Robert H.	1		Ward, Henry N.		1
Stevens, Mrs. Adele L. S.	1		Weaver, George B.		1
Stevens, David	1		Wetmore, A. D. (Mrs. Sherman)	1	
Stevens, Wm. (Estate)	1		Wetmore, Edith K. M.		1
Stevens, William G.	1		Wetmore, George Peabody	1	
Stewart, Anthony	1		Wetmore, Samuel		1
Stoddard, John C.	1		Wetmore, Wm. Boerum	1	
Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris	1		Wilbour, Mary Ann		1
Swinburne, Daniel T. (Estate)	1		Willard, E. W.		1
Taylor, John J.	1		Willett, Edward M. (Estate)	1	
Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1		Wilson, George H.		1
Taylor, William Rogers	1		Wormeley, Katharine P.		1



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 26th, 1877.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 1877.

At the hour appointed, HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Wm. H. Ashhurst,
Francis Brinley,
Chas. T. Brooks,
Wm. A. Clarke,
Wm. P. Congdon,
Joseph J. Cooke,
Henry H. Fay,
David King,
George G. King.
Le Roy King,
Charles E. Hammett,

Chas. F. Lyman,
Seth W. Macy,
Geo. C. Mason,
Chas. B. Peckham,
Thos. P. Peckham,
Benj. H. Rhoades,
Geo. F. Richmond,
Fred. W. Tilton,
Frederick Tompkins,
Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Henry E. Turner.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

A. Prescott Baker, Henry Bedlow,
Anna F. Hunter.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Vice-President—CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Directors:

William H. Ashhurst,	Augustus N. Littlefield,
John T. Bush,	Seth W. Macy,
Samuel W. Butler,	Charles H. Malcom,
William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	Robert M. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	Daniel Parish, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Austin L. Sands,
Thomas W. Higginson,	William P. Sheffield,
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Le Roy King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Job T. Langley,	Henry E. Turner,
Charles C. Van Zandt.	

Treasurer—JOB T. LANGLEY.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *Voted* That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned, BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,
Secretary.

Annual Report for 1877.

In obedience to a vote of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the President, on their behalf, submits a report for the year ending the twenty-sixth day of September, 1877.

Notwithstanding the recently increased facilities for literary investigations accorded to the citizens of Newport, the frequent donations to the Library, and the large numbers of those who avail themselves of our collection for pleasant reading or careful study, give assurance that this venerable institution retains the regard of our community.

The volumes and works of art of which we have been the recipients during the past twelve months, have been numerous, and some of them costly. Several of the donations, from their intrinsic value, or from some peculiar circumstance connected with their presentation, required and received more than formal return of thanks.

Such an acknowledgment was made to Mrs. Lucy Tuckerman, of Paris, sister of the lamented Henry T. Tuckerman, who supplemented her former gift of a casket containing all the productions of his fertile pen, by the presentation of an elegant volume of rare and valuable engravings of the likenesses of Washington, which he had laboriously collected, and admirably arranged.

Similar acknowledgments were made to Mrs. William R. Travers, of New York, for a number of books and pamphlets, and for two spirited bronze race-horses.

To Mrs. Augustus L. Whiting, of New York, for a large Megaletoscope, with many picturesque views. To David Gould, Esq., of Newport, for a quaint old oak chair, supposed to have belonged to Gov. Benedict Arnold, who was a President under the first Patent to Rhode Island, and the first Governor under the Royal Charter. To Albert Glover, Esq., of Boston, executor of the will of the late John E. Allston, who bequeathed to the Redwood Library a portrait of his grandfather, Robert Rogers, which was painted by Washington Allston, when a student in Harvard College.

The following letter was addressed to Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., of Providence, on the 8th of last January :

"MY DEAR MR. COOKE :

It gives me peculiar pleasure to comply with the vote of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum passed at their meeting on yesterday, requesting me to tender their thanks for your liberal gift of the nine large folio volumes of Lord Kingsborough, on the Antiquities of Mexico, and for the elegant reprint of Shakespeare's Comedies, &c., from the rare edition of 1623. For this fresh manifestation of your desire to increase the attractions and value of our Library, be pleased to accept the cordial acknowledgments of the Board of Directors, and of your friend and obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*"

On the 25th of March last, Admiral William Rogers Taylor addressed a letter to the Librarian, of which the following is a transcript :

"DEAR SIR :—

By authority of Charles Rogers, D. D., LL. D., Secretary and Historiographer of the Royal Society of London, I have the honor to present, in his name, to the Redwood Library, a copy of his 'Leaves from my Autobiography.'

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

WM. ROGERS TAYLOR."

By order of the Directors the President thus acknowledged its receipt:

" NEWPORT, R. I., March 27th, 1877.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on behalf of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, of this city, of your interesting volume entitled, "Leaves from my Autobiography," by the hands of Admiral William Rogers Taylor, of the United States Navy.

Among the benefactors of this Library may be found the surnames of several which are identical with your own: Miss ELIZA J. ROGERS, of Philadelphia, presented a portrait of her father, the Rev. Dr. William Rogers, of that city, who was a native of Newport. It was a copy painted by her from a life size portrait, by the celebrated artist, Rembrandt Peale.

In 1871 the Library received a benefaction from MRS. MARIA DEWOLF ROGERS, consisting of \$3,000 worth of rare and valuable books, and a special fund of \$1,000, the income to be applied only for the purchase of books. The benefaction is to be perpetually held as a memorial of the late Robert Rogers, of Bristol, R. I. Another Mr. Robert Rogers, formerly lived in Newport, and was Librarian of this institution from 1812 to 1831.

Your greater genealogical learning will enable you to determine if these liberal persons were connected with your family. With thanks for your kindness,

I am very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

To Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, LL. D., London."

REGULATIONS.

Soon after the election of the present Board of Directors, it was considered expedient to provide by a Rule, "that no papers, "magazines, journals, books or other printed matter, shall be "placed on the tables, desks, or shelves of this Library, by any "one, without the sanction or approval of the Committee on "Books."

With a watchful eye to the pecuniary necessities of the Library, the following rates of subscription to its privileges were established: \$3 for 2 months; \$4 for 3 months; \$5 for 6 months; \$6 for 12 months.

NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This local association being without a building wherein to deposit its collections, made a proposition to the Directors in regard to a partial use of our edifice. Whereupon, it was

"Voted, That permission be granted to the 'Newport Historical Society,' to place, under the direction of the Building Committee, two cases in the 'Directors' Room, in which to deposit its books, collections and curiosities."

These cases have been constructed in harmony with the finish of the room, and the books, etc., of the Historical Society have been properly arranged in them.

NUMBER OF BOOKS, &c.

The number of books at the date of last Annual Report, was.....	21,725
Since added,	
By purchase.....	207
By gift.....	178
By binding periodicals and pamphlets.....	57

Total number September 1, 1877..... 22,167

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending September 1, 1877, was..... 25

The number of books circulated for the same period, was..... 9,869

As ascertained by the diligence of the Librarian, they were on the following subjects:

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture.....	16	8. Law and Politics.....	20
2. Arts—Fine.....	94	9. Literature.....	617
3. Biography.....	681	10. Periodicals.....	595
4. Fiction and Juveniles.....	5,964	11. Philosophy—Mental.....	18
5. Geography and Explorations.....	581	12. " Moral.....	10
6. History.....	691	13. Poetry and Drama.....	203
7. Greek and Latin Classics.....	12	14. Science.....	234
		15. Theology.....	133

For an analysis of Books *purchased*, we are indebted to Col. T. W. Higginson, a member of the "Committee on Books."

Fiction.....	47 vols.	Poetry and Drama.....	11 vols.
History.....	44 "	Periodicals.....	9 "
Biography.....	38 "	Fine Arts.....	3 "
Geography and Travels.....	23 "	Law and Politics.....	2 "
General Literature.....	17 "		
Science.....	13 "		
			207 vols.

Col. Higginson very judiciously remarks: "It must be remembered that the Department of Fiction represents an expenditure per volume, which is less than half that of any other Department; a single volume of History sometimes costing as much as half a dozen novels."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

for the fiscal year ending September 10th, 1877, by the report of the Treasurer, are as follows:

Receipts.....	\$3,867 24
Expenditures.....	4,751 41
Balance on hand at that date.....	884 20

Our careful Librarian has made an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures for a year ending the first of October next, which will form part of this report.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the Library has received the anxious consideration of the Directors; indeed, it has been the engrossing topic of discussion at each of their meetings during the year.

To complete and equip the enlargement of this building, it became necessary to borrow the sum of six thousand and seven hundred dollars.

The serious and important subject of liquidating the debt, is now in charge of a Joint Special Committee of five Directors and seven Shareholders; the latter chosen at a meeting of the Company on the 21st of last June. Dr. King, Chairman of that Committee on the part of the Directors, submitted a very gratifying Report on the 24th instant. This report together with that submitted to the Company, by Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Shareholders, which gives the conditions upon which subscriptions were made, will be inserted in the Appendix.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

If the company were free of existing liabilities, it is not extravagant to assert that thereafter it would be self-sustaining. We must judge of the future by the past. Look, then, at the receipts and payments for the year, which will terminate on the first of next October, and judge if they do not warrant that assertion :

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
<i>From Oct. 1, 1876, to Oct. 1, 1877.</i>		<i>From Oct. 1, 1876 to Oct. 1, 1877.</i>	
Income from U. S. Bond.....	\$66 00	Advertising.....	\$7 37
" " special share fund,	311 04	Books, papers, periodicals....	603 02
" " Book fund.....	600 00	Binding.....	61 41
Taxes, temporary subscriptions		Coal.....	195 00
and extra books and fines.....	1,350 00	Furnaces, care of.....	53 25
		Gas.....	60 00
		Expresses.....	10 40
	\$2,327 04	Interest.....	415 50
		Post Office.....	9 63
		Printing.....	76 25
		Repairs and Incidentals.....	136 05
		Salaries.....	1,344 00
			\$2,971 88
		Receipts.....	\$2,327 04
		Deficit.....	\$644 84
If the debt be paid, then the item of interest should be deducted.			\$415 50
Also the item of repairs.....			120 00
			\$535 50
The real deficit then would be.....			109 34
			\$644 84

The item of Insurance is omitted, as no payment was to be made this year.

If then the Library be rescued from its present indebtedness, with ordinary prudence for the future it should take care of itself. In this connection it may be added, that on the 24th instant the Treasurer presented a supplemental report showing that he had received the further sum of five hundred and thirty-five dollars from subscribers to the fund for payment of the debt of the Company. It appears then, that the note to Mr. Vernon for seven hundred dollars has been paid, and also one thousand dollars on the note to Mr. Brown; thus leaving but the sum of

four thousand dollars, (\$4,000) to be obtained for the extinguishment of the debt, provided the conditional subscriptions are paid.

The Joint Special Committee have had such success during the few months which have elapsed since its appointment, it is confidently believed that before another annual meeting of the Company shall take place, there will be no outstanding liability against it.

USE AND CARE OF FUNDS.

It is asked, now and then, if the current expenses cannot be diminished? The Directors have carefully investigated the subject. So long ago as last December a committee was appointed consisting of one member from each Standing Committee, to consider what means could be adopted for reducing the expenses of the Library. At the next meeting, January 8th, 1877, the Committee reported that it was "inexpedient at present to reduce expenses."

It must be obvious to any one who will examine facts and figures, that the current expenses cannot be cut down to any appreciable extent, unless it be by the disuse of coal and gas, which would be equivalent to a partial closing of the Library, and thus have an unfavorable effect on subscriptions and contributions. That the finances of the Company have been discreetly managed the preceding statement of income and expenses abundantly proves.

It is doubtful if there exists a corporation which provides more efficient safeguards for the security of its assets, and more stringent rules for their preservation and disbursement, than are adopted by the Redwood Library.

Suppose a member of the Company desires that a particular book should be purchased, he must recommend it to the "Committee on Books," and if they agree to buy it, then

First—The Secretary of that Committee must certify that the book was ordered, and that it had been received.

Second—This certificate is indorsed by the Chairman of the "Committee on Expenditures."

Third—The Treasurer then gives his check for the price, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Company.

Appendix 2.

The Committee appointed at a special meeting of the Shareholders of the Redwood Library and Athenæum held on the 21st day of June last, "to join with the Special Committee of the Directors to raise subscriptions to free the Library from indebtedness," respectfully report:

That, in connection with the Special Committee of the Directors, subscriptions have been obtained as follows:

Cash..... \$2,785 00

This amount has been paid to the Treasurer and includes \$500 subscribed on condition that no part of the land belonging to the Library shall be sold.

Conditional (other than above)..... 1,379 00

Total..... \$4,164 00

A list of the subscriptions with a statement of the conditions governing a portion of them is annexed hereto, and is made a part of this report.

The Committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH J. COOKE,

Chairman.

NEWPORT, September 26th, 1877.

AMOUNTS PAID.

Mrs. Edward King.....	\$400 00	Dr. Charles Davis.....	100 00
Miss Elizabeth S. King. 25 00		Mrs. John Carter Brown.....	250 00
Edward A. King..... 25 00		Dr. Samuel W. Butler.....	30 00
LeRoy King..... 25 00		Francis Brinley.....	50 00
George G. King..... 25 00	100 00	Mrs. Fred W. Stevens.....	100 00
The subscriptions of Mrs. King and family are upon condition that the land shall not be sold.		Thomas F. Cushing.....	25 00
Joseph J. Cooke.....	100 00	Miss Ellen Mason.....	100 00
Henry W. Cooke.....	10 00	Miss Ida Mason.....	50 00
Thomas W. Higginson.....	10 00	George H. Norman.....	50 00
Samuel R. Honey.....	10 00	William W. Tucker.....	50 00
Clarence King.....	30 00	E. H. Schermerhorn.....	25 00
Charles P. Barber.....	10 00	W. P. Pepper.....	25 00
Wm. G. Williams, of Prov....	10 00	Mrs. Gardner Brewer.....	50 00
Thomas Dunn.....	100 00	Mrs. William Gammell.....	100 00
Mrs. M. E. Tompkins.....	5 00	L. P. Morton.....	25 00
Thomas B. Buffum.....	5 00	Miss Catherine L. Wolfe.....	50 00
Benjamin Hazard of T. G....	10 00	Admiral A. Ludlow Case.....	25 00
Fred. Tompkins.....	15 00	J. Smith Bryce.....	50 00
Samuel Brown.....	50 00	Mrs. Richard Baker.....	50 00
Daniel LeRoy.....	50 00	George C. Mason.....	25 00
Hamilton B. Tompkins.....	25 00	Edward F. Newton.....	10 00
Richard Cornell.....	50 00	F. W. Tilton and friend.....	40 00
Augustus N. Littlefield.....	50 00	Charles Lyman.....	50 00
Thomas M. Seabury.....	25 00	Miss Ellen Townsend.....	200 00
Robert M. Mason.....	130 00	Henry H. Swinburne.....	10 00
John B. Newton.....	50 00	Total paid.....	\$2,785 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$8,000 is raised this Year, (1877.)

Joseph J. Cooke.....	\$150 00	T. W. Higginson and others....	\$75 00
Henry W. Cooke.....	50 00		

Subscriptions on condition that the whole debt is liquidated.

W. A. Clarke.....	\$266 00	Theodore K. Gibbs.....	\$100 00
Dr. David King.....	133 00	T. Bailey Myers.....	50 00
David King, Jr.....	100 00	F. W. Tilton.....	20 00
John Foster.....	100 00	S. W. Macy.....	25 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$5,000 is raised.

Miss Annie Hunter.....	\$100 00	Fred. Tompkins.....	\$35 00
Wm. P. Sheffield.....	100 00	Hamilton B. Tompkins.....	75 00
Total.....			\$4,164 00

Dr. Redwood Library and Athenæum in acct. with Job T. Langley, Treasurer. Cr.

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

1877.		1876.	
Sept. 10.	To payments for the Book Account.....	Sept. 11.	By balance of Old Account.....
" "	" " Expense Account.....	1877.	
" "	" " Interest on the Debt.....	Sept. 10.	Received for 213 Annual Taxes.....\$1,044 50
" "	" " Note to H. W. Vernon.....	" "	" " Subscriptions.....290 00
" "	" " B. H. Rhoades, Librarian.....	" "	" " Fines and extra books
" "	" " F. T. Southwick, Clerk.....		taken out to date.....39 36
" "	" Deposited in Savings Bank for 2 Special	" "	" " 2 Special Shares sold.....1,373 86
" "	Shares sold.....	" "	" " from J. Carter Brown Book Fund, 300 00
" "	" Balance credited new Account.....	" "	" " W. S. Rogers, " 240 00
		" "	" " George G. King, " 60 00
		" "	" " Robert Rogers, " 63 07
		" "	" " Special Share Fund.....663 07
		" "	" " Subscription to Library Debt to date, 1,945 00
		Sept. 11.	By bal. Old Acct., deposited in Bank of R. I.. \$4,751 41
			MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.
		Sept. 11.	1 U. S. Regist'd Bond, R. Rogers Fund, 1,000 00
		" "	" Dep. in Savings Bank G. G. King " 1,000 00
		" "	" " W. S. Rogers " 4,000 00
		" "	" " J. Carter Brown
		" "	" " Fund.....5,000 00
		" "	" " Special Share
		" "	" " Fund.....5,394 56
			16,334 56
			AMOUNT DUE.
	Note to Samuel Brown, dated December 23, 1875,		
	interest at 6 per cent., for.....\$6,000 00		
			NEWPORT, R. I., September 10, 1877.
			E. E.
			JOB T. LANGLEY, Treasurer.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, has examined the same and find them correct.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 26, 1877

GIFTS

TO THE LIBRARY, GALLERY OF ART, AND CABINET OF CURI-
OSITIES, DURING THE YEAR.

Anagnos, M., of S. Bost., 2 vols.
Anthony, Hon. Henry B., 1 vol., 1 pph.
Ashhurst, Miss E., 2 vols.
Baker, A. Prescott, 1 vol.
Barrows, Rev. C. E., 2 pphs.
Boston Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
Brinley, Hon. Francis, 2 vols.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 12 vols.
Burnside, Gen. A. E., Congressional Record,—Congressional Directory.
Bush, Mrs. John T., Christian Register, continued.
Butler, Dr. S. W., 1 vol.
Calvert, Hon. G. H., 1 vol. Popular Science Monthly and Supplement, contin-
ued. Publishers' Weekly, continued.
Chapman Albert, of Middlebury, Vt., 1 vol.
Chace, Wm. Leverett, 2 pphs.
Cobden Club, London, 8 Publications.
Cooke, Joseph J., 10 vols.
Cullum, Gen. Geo. W., 2 pphs.
Dow, Mrs. Wm. H., large map of Yedo.
Drowne, Henry T., of New York, 3 pphs.
Fitch, Hon. John, of New York, 3 pphs.
Gibbs, Frederic A., of San Francisco, 1 vol.
Gould, D. J., Chair of Gov. Arnold.
Gray, Rev. Zabriskie, 1 vol.
Greene, Dr. S. A., of Bost., 1 pph.
Hart, Charles H., of Philadelphia, 1 vol.
Higginson, Col. Thomas W., 28 vols., 1 pph. "Woman's Journal," continued.
"Home Journal," N. Y., per George Perry and M. Phillips, continued.
Honey, Samuel R., 1 vol., "South," continued.
Knight, Hon. Jabez C., Providence, 1 pph.
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
Lawrence, Abbott, of Boston, 1 vol.
Ledyard, Hon. Henry, 1 vol.
Lyon, Miss Angeline, 1 pph.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1878.

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SETH W. MACY,
CHAS. H. MALCOM,
GEORGE C. MASON,
ROBERT M. MASON,
DANIEL PARISH, JR.,
WM. P. SHEFFIELD,
FREDERIC W. TILTON,
HENRY E. TURNER,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
CHAS. C. VAN ZANDT.

TREASURER:

JOB T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY:

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

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BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, Librarian.

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

DAVID KING, CHARLES T. BROOKS,
WILLIAM GILPIN, F. W. TILTON.

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE, SETH W. MACY,
ROBERT M. MASON, JOB T. LANGLEY,
 HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

On Pictures and Statuary.

HENRY H. FAY, DANIEL PARISH, JR.,
 CHARLES H. MALCOM.

On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER, GEORGE W. GIBBS.

On Repairs.

JOHN T. BUSH, GEORGE C. MASON,
 WILLIAM H. ASHHURST.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER, LEROY KING.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 25th, 1878.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 25th, 1878.

At the hour appointed, Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Francis Brinley,
John T. Bush,
• Samuel W. Butler,
William P. Congdon,
George F. Crandall,
Henry H. Fay,
David King,

LeRoy King,
Seth W. Macy,
Charles H. Malcom,
George C. Mason,
Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Fred. W. Tilton,
Fred. Tompkins,

and twelve by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Darius Baker,	Emily O. Gibbes,
Sarah B. Gibbes,	Lucy E. Shattuck.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the gentlemen whose names are on page 3d were elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. George F. Crandall, it was

Resolved, That the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum return their sincere thanks to the Bellevue Dramatic Club of Newport, R. I., for the generous gift of \$200, received from Mr. Wilson Eyre, their Treasurer, being the proceeds of a performance for its benefit, on Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, 1878.

It was *Voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned,	BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,
	<i>Secretary.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1878.

At the request of the DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, the President submits the one hundred and forty-eighth Annual Report.

From the perplexities incident to a depressed state of trade and the general subsidence of the value of property, the Redwood Library cannot claim to have been entirely exempted, inasmuch as these untoward events checked the anticipated influx of contributions to our treasury. It therefore became the duty of the Directors to bring the current expenses within the limited income at their command for general purposes. This has been effected by practising an economy so rigid, that it approached the verge of parsimony. Accordingly, our indefatigable Librarian was deprived of an assistant; the use of the large furnace was discontinued; the Library closed at evening; our subscription to sundry newspapers withdrawn, and the binding of pamphlets and disfigured books suspended.

And here the Directors represent that a prime necessity of the Library is the creation of a permanent fund, the interest to be exclusively appropriated to the binding of books and pamphlets.

It is admitted that funds given for the purchase of books, cannot be used for the restoration of such as have been injured by constant circulation. Funds given for specific purposes, are sacredly held to carry out the intentions of the donors, whose names will be embalmed in our permanent Records and Annual Reports. Were they not wise, as

well as benevolent, to give of their abundance to an object of public utility, rather than to scatter it for things which perish in the using?

NUMBER OF BOOKS, &C.

The number of books at the date of the last Annual Report was 22,167

Since added,

By purchase, 189

By gift, 341

By binding pamphlets and periodicals, 4

Total number Sept. 1, 1878, 22,701

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1878, was 117

The number of books circulated for the same period, was 8,931

And on the following subjects :

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture,	24
2. Arts, Fine,	87
3. Biography,	769
4. Fiction and Juveniles,	5,094
5. Geography and Explorations,	483
6. History,	548
7. Greek and Latin Classics,	10
8. Laws and Politics,	27
9. Literature,	687
10. Periodicals,	553
11. Philosophy, Mental,	23
12. " Moral,	11
13. Poetry and Drama,	240
14. Science,	204
15. Theology,	171

It may be thought that the number of volumes circulated is not large. It should be remembered, however, that

this is not a public collection of popular works only ; it is a private Institution, (but always free to those who are introduced) and designed, in a great degree, as a Library for consultation. Many persons resort to it for aid on the special subjects they are investigating, and with great advantage, but who do not desire to take away the volumes they examine. For such purposes the collection is invaluable.

The friends of the Library have been generous, as usual, in contributions to our stores. Among them it may be proper to mention the Rev. Charles T. Brooks, Col. T. Wentworth Higginson, Frederick A. Gibbs, Esq., of San Francisco, Cal. ; Gen. Humphreys. U. S. Engineer Department ; Henry K. Baird, Esq., of Philadelphia ; the Misses Anderson, of Portsmouth, R. I., who presented the works of Voltaire, in seventy volumes ; the Smithsonian Institute, and various public Departments, both State and National. David King, Jr. Esq., gave a work of great interest, viz : A "Statistical Atlas of the United States, based on the results of the Ninth Census, 1870, by Francis A. Walker, Professor of Political Economy and History, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale College, 1874." Also, the valuable illustrated work entitled "The Medalllic History of the United States of America, 1776-1876, 2 vols. quarto, New York, 1878, by J. T. Loubat, LL. D. George C. Mason, Esq., of Newport, presented a sumptuous volume—"Newport and its Cottages," of which he is the author. There were but one hundred copies of this splendid work, published by James R. Osgood & Co., and printed by Rand, Avery & Co., of Boston. It is illustrated by the Heliotype process.

We are indebted to the thoughtfulness and liberality of George Peabody Wetmore, Esq., for the Book-cases which have been placed in the new edifice, including the room of the Directors. For this unsolicited gift, the Directors tender their sincere thanks. The Hon. Horatio Rogers, of Provi-

dence, has given an elegant quarto volume, entitled "Private Libraries of Providence," of which he is the author. A limited edition was published, in admirable style, by that discriminating collector of rare books, Sidney S. Rider, Esq., of that city. We do not often meet with a volume containing so much curious information in regard to books, authors and collectors, as may be found in this carefully prepared, but unpretending and scholarly production.

A short time ago, Dr. Charles W. Stearns, of Baltimore, now of this city, offered to the Library, for acceptance, a large and valuable oil painting, which the Directors voted to receive, and requested the President to make a suitable acknowledgment; whereupon he addressed the following letter to the donor:

REDWOOD LIBRARY,

August 14th, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held yesterday, I was requested to present to you their grateful recognition of the kindness which prompted you to donate to the Library the valuable copy of the central figure in the painting at Rome, known as the "Calling of Matthew." It imparts a fresh attraction to our Gallery of Art, while it has the charm of recalling the memory of a lady who was so widely known and esteemed as the lamented Mrs. Stearns.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

DR. CHARLES W. STEARNS, Newport.

Within a few months, two of the Board of Directors have passed away. In January last, the estimable and accomplished Dr. Austin L. Sands, died at Cairo, Egypt, where he had gone in the hope of regaining his health. His remains were very recently received and buried in New York.

When his lamented death was announced to the Directors, resolutions were passed on the motion of Dr. Henry E. Turner, which are appended hereto.

Recently, our valued associate, Capt. Augustus N. Littlefield, departed this life, after a protracted illness, which prevented him from taking an active part in our affairs. But his interest in the Library was unabated, and by his last Will he bequeathed to it the generous sum of one thousand dollars; "the same to be by its Directors invested in some safe security, the interest or dividends only to be used, as from time to time received, as the Directors shall order for the benefit of the said Company." Appropriate Resolutions were adopted by the Directors when informed of his decease, which were prepared by His Excellency Gov. Van Zandt. They, also, are appended hereto.

A communication has been received by me from Col. T. Wentworth Higginson, dated at Neu-Chatel, Switzerland, August 19th, 1878, in which he writes, that "on account of probable absence from Newport," he declines being a candidate for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors, and expresses his abiding interest in the welfare of the Institution.

The financial condition of the Library, which is far better than was anticipated a year ago, is exhibited in the accompanying statement of our exact Treasurer.

ESSEX INSTITUTE.—The Directors of the Library having been informed by the Rev. Charles T. Brooks, that the members of the Institute intended to visit Newport, it was voted that they be invited to meet the officers, members and friends of the Library, at its rooms, on such an evening as would be most agreeable to them. The Institute is a society composed of refined ladies and gentlemen, residing in Salem and other towns in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who are versed in the several branches of

Natural History. They do not confine their researches to books, but make frequent excursions to local places of interest, that they may see, examine and contemplate the varied and wonderful productions of nature. Their life, like that of the Duke and his followers in the Forest of Arden,

"Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in every thing."

The reception was attended by many of our prominent citizens, and was pronounced "a grand feature" of the visit of our friends from Salem. They were welcomed by the President, Vice President, and by the Hon. William P. Sheffield, one of our Directors, in brief and cordial addresses, which were eloquently responded to by Dr. Henry Wheatland, President of the Institute; the Rev. E. C. Bolles, of Salem; and the Rev. C. C. Beamon, formerly of that city. Most of the evening was given up to unceremonious and cheerful conversation.

About three years ago, an excellent paper was read before the Maryland Historical Society, by Osmond Tiffany, Esq., one of its distinguished members, who thus alluded to our Institution :

"There is a building in Newport, Rhode Island, at the head of stylish Bellevue Avenue, which is so different from the surrounding structures, and with such an air of studious quiet brooding over it, that the eye is at once arrested, and the attention charmed by its fair proportions. Its model is that of a Grecian Temple, with additional side wings, in harmony with the main building, which possesses an air of antiquity. This is the 'Redwood Library,' which may fairly claim to be a National Institution, from the wide influence it exerted at a time when art and letters in America were in their infancy, and from the celebrated names connected with it."

While we gratefully acknowledge this high compliment,

we cannot admit that the Redwood Library is of such an exclusive *National* character, that Newport stands absolved from continuing its local, solid aid to this institution of the Fathers, which we trust in usefulness will be absolute and in duration most permanent.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, September 9, 1878.

ADDENDUM.

The above report was sanctioned by the Directors at their last monthly meeting. Since then, a happy event seems to justify the confidence implied in its concluding paragraph, in regard to the abiding liberality of Newport. On the evening of the 19th instant, "The Bellevue Dramatic Club," an amateur, artistic association, in our midst, gave a voluntary entertainment at the Opera House, for the benefit of the Redwood Library, which was highly enjoyed and deservedly applauded by an appreciative audience. The result was the addition of the handsome sum of two hundred dollars to our Treasury, it being the net proceeds of the evening. From this considerate act of the Bellevue Dramatic Club, whose accomplished members generously and cheerfully surrendered their time and their talents out of regard to this Institution, we feel under an obligation far superior to that which the mere receipt of money could inspire.

F. B.

Obituary Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY, January 14, 1878, the following Resolutions, offered by DR. HENRY E. TURNER, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the decease of our late associate, DR. AUSTIN L. SANDS ; we recognize in this afflicting dispensation the rupture of relations with ourselves, of the most cordial and harmonious character.

Resolved, That we will attend his funeral as a body.

Resolved, That the President be requested to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the family of Dr. Sands."

At a special meeting on June 1, 1878, called on account of the death of CAPT. AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD, GOV. VAN ZANDT offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

"WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have heard with sorrow of the death of CAPT. AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD, for more than twenty years a Director in the Institution, and intelligently devoted to its best interests, therefore

Resolved, That the Board desire to express the high appreciation of his services and character as a citizen and a man, and to spread upon the Record the memory of his generous benefactions and labors to promote the usefulness of the Institution.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors will attend his funeral, and the Secretary is requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to his family, and to cause them to be published in the Newport papers, and that the Library be closed during the hours of his funeral services."

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

1877.	By balance of old account	\$884 20
Sept. 10, 1878.	Received for 210 Annual Taxes.....	\$1,050 00
Sept. 9.	Subscriptions.....	230 00
" "	" Fines and Extras.....	20 41
" "	" 1 Special Share sold.....	1,300 41
" "	Div. from J. Carter Brown Book Fund.....	75 00
" "	Div. from W. S. Rogers.....	\$275 00
" "	Div. from George G. King.....	220 00
" "	Div. from Robert Rogers.....	85 00
" "	" do.....	30 45
" "	Special Share Fund.....	580 45
" "	Subscriptions to Library Debt to date.....	238 37
" "	" to Current Expenses.....	100 00

MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Sep. 9.	U. S. Reg. Bond,	Robert Rogers Book Fund..	\$1,000
" "	" "Deposits in Savings Bank, G. C. King.....	" " " " " " " "	1,000
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CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.

Appendix 1.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

The Committee appointed by the Directors, December 11, 1876, to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of furnishing the new building and to pay off the indebtedness of the Library, beg to report: At their first meeting they decided to raise eight thousand dollars, which sum was deemed sufficient to supply the wants and to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation. In accordance with this view they issued a Circular, February 26th, 1877, which was distributed among the Corporators and friends of the Library. While many of your Committee were hopeful of favorable responses to the circular, a meeting of the Corporation was legally assembled on the 21st of June, 1877, for the purpose of discharging the indebtedness of the Library by the sale of a portion of our land, if no other feasible project should be devised. It was decided not to sell the land, but to continue the appeal to the public in behalf of the Library. At that time the Corporation thought proper to appoint a committee of seven to co-operate with your Committee. Of the combined committee, Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Hamilton B. Tompkins, Secretary. The Committee have thus far been very successful, having raised nearly four thousand dollars in cash and conditionally.

It is pleasant to recognize and to acknowledge these generous donations, in sums large and small, according, it may be, to the ability of the donors or of their sympathy in the high objects of the institution, or of their opinion of its genial influences upon this community. With this view there will be appended the list of subscribers as published in the Daily News. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

DAVID KING,

Chairman of the Committee of Directors.

September 24th, 1877.

Appendix 2.

The Committee appointed at a special meeting of the shareholders of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held on the 21st day of June last, "to join with the Special Committee of the Directors to raise subscriptions to free the Library from indebtedness," respectfully report :

That, in connection with the Special Committee of the Directors, subscriptions have been obtained as follows :

Cash.....\$2,785 00

This amount has been paid to the Treasurer and includes \$500 subscribed on condition that no part of the land belonging to the Library shall be sold.

Conditional (other than above).....1,379 00

• Total.....\$4,164 00

A list of the subscriptions with a statement of the conditions governing a portion of them is annexed hereto, and is made a part of this report.

The Committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH J. COOKE,
Chairman.

NEWPORT, September 26th, 1877.

AMOUNTS PAID.

Mrs. Edward King,	\$400 00	Dr. Charles Davis,	100 00
Mrs. Elizabeth S. King,	25 00	Mrs. John Carter Brown,	250 00
Edward A. King,	25 00	Dr. Samuel W. Butler,	30 00
LeRoy King,	25 00	Francis Brinley,	50 00
George G. King,	25 00	Mrs. Fred. W. Stevens,	100 00
The subscriptions of Mrs. King and family are upon condition that the land shall not be sold.		Thomas F. Cushing,	25 00
		Miss Ellen Mason,	100 00
		Miss Ida Mason,	50 00
Joseph J. Cooke,	100 00	George H. Norman,	50 00
Henry W. Cooke,	10 00	William W. Tucker,	50 00
Thomas W. Higginson,	10 00	E. H. Schermerhorn,	25 00
Samuel R. Honey,	10 00	W. P. Pepper,	25 00
Clarence King,	30 00	Mrs. Gardner Brewer,	50 00
Charles P. Barber,	10 00	Mrs. William Gammell,	100 00
Wm. G. Williams, of Prov.	10 00	L. P. Morton,	25 00
Thomas Dunn,	100 00	Miss Catherine L. Wolfe,	50 00
Mrs. M. E. Tompkins,	5 00	Admiral A. Ludlow Case,	25 00
Thomas B. Buffum,	5 00	J. Smith Bryce,	50 00
Benjamin Hazard of T. G.	10 00	Mrs. Richard Baker,	50 00
Fred. Tompkins,	15 00	George C. Mason,	25 00
Samuel Brown,	50 00	Edward F. Newton,	10 00
Daniel Le Roy,	50 00	F. W. Tilton and friend,	40 00
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	25 00	Charles Lyman,	50 00
Richard Cornell,	50 00	Miss Ellen Townsend,	200 00
Augustus N. Littlefield,	50 00	Henry H. Swinburne,	10 00
Thomas M. Seabury,	25 00	Mrs. Joseph I. Bailey,	50 00
Robert M. Mason,	130 00		
John B. Newton,	50 00	Total paid,	\$2,835 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$3,000 is raised this Year, (1877.)

Joseph J. Cooke,	\$150 00	T. W. Higginson & others,	\$75 00
Henry W. Cooke,	50 00		

Subscriptions on condition that the whole debt is liquidated.

W. A. Clarke,	\$266 00	Theodore K. Gibbs,	\$100 00
Dr. David King,	133 00	T. Bailey Myers,	50 00
David King, Jr.,	100 00	F. W. Tilton,	20 00
John Foster,	100 00	S. W. Macy,	25 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$5,000 is raised.

Miss Annie Hunter,	\$100 00	Fred. Tompkins,	\$35 00
William P. Sheffield,	100 00	Hamilton B. Tompkins,	75 00

Total.....\$4,164 00.

The present debt is.....\$4,800 00

Conditionally subscribed.....1,429 00

\$3,371 00

It will be seen, therefore, that if we can raise the sum of \$3,371, the existing debt could be paid, and thereafter the Library could easily take care of itself. It really seems as if its friends could, by a little effort, secure that amount.

GIFTS

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year.

Anderson, Martha M. and Rosalie R. 70 vols.
Angell, Avery F. 1 vol.
Bailey, Mrs. Joseph I. \$50.
Baird, Henry Carey, of Philadelphia, 5 vols., 45 pphs.
Benet, Gen. S. V. 1 vol.
Bloor, A. J. 1 pph.
Boston, Pub. Lib. Bulletins, continued.
Botta, Prof. Vincenzo, of N. Y., 1 vol.
Brinley, Hon. Francis 2 vols.
Bristol, R. I., Rogers Library, 1 pph.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T. 33 vols., 3 pphs.
Bunker Hill Monument Association, 2 vols.
Burnside, Hon. A. E. 1 vol. Cong. Record, continued.
Bush, Mrs. J. T. Christian Register, continued.
Calvert, Hon. George H. 1 vol. ; Popular Scientific Monthly, and supplement, continued. Publishers' Weekly, continued.
Cooke, Joseph I. 1 vol.
Cobden Club, Publications, continued.
Cullum, Gen. George W. U. S. A., 2 pphs.
Dennis, Mrs. William L. 1 vol.
Doyle, Hon. Thomas A. of Prov., 1 vol.
Drowne, Henry T. 1 pph.
Dundas, Wurtz, of Philadelphia, 20 vols., 1 pph.
Fall River, Mass., Public Library, 1 pph.
Fitch, Hon. John N., Y., 4 pphs.
Fitts, Daniel B. 1 vol.
Gibbs, Hon. Fred. A. of San Francisco, 3 vols.
Greene, Dr. D. H. of Greenwich, R. I., 1 vol.
Heap, Capt. D. P. 6 vols., 38 pphs.

- Higginson, Col. T. W. 65 vols. 1 pph. and Woman's Journal, continued.
- Home Journal, of New York, continued.
- Kansas Board of Agriculture, 1 pph.
- King, David Jr., of New York, 3 vols.
- Lawrence, Mass., Public Library. 2 pphs.
- Lincoln, Prof. J. L. of Providence, 1 pph.
- Maclean, John, Princeton, N. J., 2 vols.
- McNutt, Dr. W. F. of San Francisco, large photograph of Venus.
- Marcy, L. J. of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
- Mason, George C. 1 vol.
- Mason, Robert M. of Boston, 3 vols.
- Massachusetts State Board of Health, 1 vol.
- Mitchell, Dr. S. Weir, of Philadelphia, 1 vol.
- Morris, Henry of Philadelphia, \$20.
- Narragansett Weekly, continued.
- Newell, J. Perry 1 Lithograph.
- New Jerusalem Messenger, continued.
- Newport City, 1 vol.
- Newton, Edward F. 3 vols. and Humboldt Medal.
- Nicoll, Miss Joanna R. 5 vols.
- Peckham Charles B. 2 vols.
- Powel, Miss E. M. 2 vols.
- Powel, Hon. Samuel, Proceedings of Acad. Nat. Science, continued.
- Powel, Mrs. Samuel 1 vol.
- Pray, Harley W. 1 vol.
- Providence, R. I. Historical Society, 1 pph.
- Religio-Philos. Journal, continued.
- Rhoades, B. H. 2 vols.
- R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
- Rhode Island, State of, 1 vol.
- Rogers, Gen. Horatio of Providence, 1 vol.
- Rogers, Mrs. W. B. 1 vol.
- Salem, Essex Institute, 3 pphs.
- San Francisco, Public Library, 1 pph.
- Schuyler, Philip of New York, 1 vol.
- Sheffield, William P. 1 pph.
- Sheldon, Frederick of New York, 1 vol.
- Sherman, Robert 1 vol.

Smithsonian Institute, 3 vols.
Steiger, E. of New York, 1 vol.
Stevens, Austin of New York, 1 pph.
Stevens, Robert J. of Washington, 2 vols.
Storer, Dr. Horatio R. 1 vol. 13 Engravings, 2 Portraits.
Taunton, Public Library, 2 pphs.
Taylor, Rear Admiral W. R. 1 vol.
Tompkins, H. B. 2 vols., 1 pph.
Travers, Miss S. 6 vols.
Unitarian Association, Boston, 1 vol. Review, continued.
U. S. Engineer Department, 6 vols., 3 Maps.
U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol.
U. S. Interior Department, 2 vols.
U. S. Interior Department, Education, 1 vol.
U. S. Navy Department, 1 vol.
U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 pph.
U. S. Patent Office, Official Gazette from Sept. 1, 1877 to January,
1878 ; 17 numbers, 5 of 1878.
U. S. State Department, 1 vol., 1 pph.
U. S. Treasury Department, 1 vol.
U. S. Congressional Documents, 52 vols.
Upham, William P., of Salem, 1 vol.
Van Zandt, Gov. Charles C. 1 vol., 1 pph.
Vermont, Historical Society, 1 vol.
Wayland, Prof. F. of New Haven, 1 pph.
Whiting, Miss Mary, 3 vols.
Winston, F. S. 1 vol.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. "OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100,

Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation."

Anderson, Martha M.	1	Matthews, Nathan	1
Anderson, Rosalie Redwood	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Ashhurst, William H.	1	Norman George H.	1
Beeckman, Helen	1	Norman, Stephen H.	1
Brooks, Charles T.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1	Pierson, Susan Augusta	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Powell, Samuel	1
Cooke, Joseph J.	1	Ray, Robert	2
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Russell, Charles H.	1
Cozzens, William C. (Estate)	1	Sands, Austin L. (Estate)	1
Davis, Dr. Charles	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Fearing, George Richmond	1	Sears, David (Estate)	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Foster, John	1	Sherman, Isaac of New York	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Smith, Alfred	1
Gibbs, Sarah	1	Staigg, Richard M.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. F. W.	1
Hammett, George A. (Estate)	1	Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton R.	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	1	Tucker, William W.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Twecdy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander (Estate)	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wales, George W.	1
King, Le Roy	1	Wetmore, Annie D.	1
Ledyard, Henry	1	Wetmore, Edith K.	1
McCurdy, Robert H.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Macy, Seth W.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Malcom, Charles H.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1
Mason, Earl P. (Estate)	1	Willett, Edward M.	1
Mason, Robert M.	1		

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

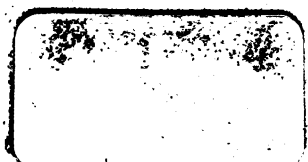
Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.	1	Barreda, F. L.	8
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Beck, Henry Paul	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Bedlow, Henry (Estate)	1
Atkinson, James	1	Berry, Mrs. M. T.	2
Bailey, Joseph I. (Estate)	1	Bliss, William H.	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Boit, Edward D.	4
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Bowen, George	1
Baker, Darius	1	Bowen, Stephen (Estate)	1
Bancroft, George	1	Bowler, William T.	1
Barber, Charles P.	1	Bradford, Joseph	1
Barker, Robert S.	1	Breese, Thomas (Estate)	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *Continued.*

Brinley, Edward H.	1	Gould, Stephen	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	Gray, Louisa F.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	Greene, George W. (Estate)	1
Bronson, Arthur	1	Greene, John H.	1
Brooks, Sidney (Estate)	6	Greene, Nathaniel	1
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Griswold, J. N. A.	4
Brown, John Carter (Estate)	1	Gyles, Charles (Estate)	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Hall, George, (Estate)	1
Brownell, William	1	Hamilton, William	2
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Hammett, Charles E.	1
Bull, Henry	1	Hammett, Elizabeth	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)	1
Bush, John T.	2	Hammond, Zenas L.	1
Butler, Samuel W.—see "Special."	2	Hart, Joseph M.	3
Cahoone, Stephen (Estate)	1	Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T.	1
Campbell, George J.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Carey, John	1	Hazard, Isaac P.	3
Case, J. Ludlow	1	Hazard, J. Alfred	1
Caswell, John R.	1	Hazard, John A. of T. G. (Estate)	1
Chase, Gilbert, (Estate)	1	Hazard Rowland R.	3
Child, William S.	1	Hazard, Theophilus D.	1
Clarke, Harriet	1	Hazard, Thomas Hull	1
Clarke, Thomas H.	2	Higginson, Thomas W.	3
Clarke, William A.	4	Hoffman, Susan O.	2
Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)	1	Honey, Samuel R.	2
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hopkin, Hamilton	3
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Horton, Jeremiah W.	1
Congdon, John C.	1	Howland, Benjamin B. (Estate)	1
Congdon, William P.	1	Hunter, Mary R.	1
Cooke, George I. (Estate)	1	Hunter, Rebecca E.	1
Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.	1	Hunter, Thomas E.	1
Cornell, William	1	Ives, Robert H. (Estate)	1
Cottrell, Michael	1	Kane, Delancey, (Estate)	8
Cottrell, Silas H.	1	Kennedy, Robert Lenox—see "Special"	2
Cozzens, George	2	King, Caroline, (Estate)	1
Cozzens, Henry W.	1	King, David	5
Cozzens, John H.	1	King David, Jr.	1
Cozzens Wm. C. (Est.) see "Special,"	2	King, Edward (Estate)	4
Crandall, George F.	1	King, George G.	1
Dame, Hannah (Estate)	1	King, William H.	6
Deblois, Henry D.	1	Ladd, John W.	1
Deblois, John S.	1	Langley, Job T.	1
D'Hauterville, Mrs. S. W.	1	Langley, William C.	1
Dennis John D. (Estate)	1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)	1
Denniston George, Jr.	1	Lawrence, William B.	9
Dumont, Elizabeth S.	1	Lawton, Charles E. (Estate)	1
Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)	1	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Dunn, Thomas	1	Lawton, George	1
Edgar, William	1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)	1
Ellery, Mary G. and H. C.	1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Engs, George	1	Lemont, Mary D.	1
Engs, John S.	1	Leverett, William	1
Engs, Samuel	1	Littlefield, Augustus N. (Estate)	1
Ennis, Caroline W.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Fay, Henry H.	1	Lyon, Joseph (Estate)	1
Field, John W.	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Finch, Benjamin	1	Maey Seth W.	1
Fludder, James	5	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)	1
Fludder, William	1	Mason, Earl P. (Est.)—see "Special."	2
Foster, John	2	Mason, George C.	1
Franklin, Robert S.	1	Mason Robert M.—see "Special"	3
Gibbes, Emily O.	1	Mauran, James E.	1
Gibbes, Sarah B.	1	Melville Benjamin S.	1
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate)	2	Mercer, Wm. Newton (Estate)	6
Gilpin, William	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Goffe, Augustus	1	Morris, Henry	1
Gould, David J.	2	Morris, Wistar	1
Gould, Nathan H.	1	Munro, Rebecca	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *Continued.*

Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1	Sherman, Robert	1
Newton, Clara	1	Sherman, William	1
Newton, Mrs. Hannah C. (Est.)	1	Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1
Newton, Mary	1	Smith, William H.	1
Nicolai, Mary E.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Norman, Stephen H.—see "Special."	2	Spooner, Charles	1
Paine, John	2	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Spooner, W. H. D.	1
Pearson, John (Estate)	1	Stevens, David	1
Peckham, Charles B.	1	Stevens, William (Estate)	1
Peckham, Edward W.	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Peckham, Felix	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Peckham, George H.	1	Stoddard, John C.	1
Peckham, Henry I.	1	Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris	1
Peckham, Job A.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T. (Estate)	1
Peckham, Mary E. (Mrs. Packard)	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Peckham, Thomas P.	1	Taylor, William Rogers	1
Peckham, William G. Jr.	2	Terrill, George	1
Pell Clarke, Leslie	1	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden	1	Tiffany, George	2
Perkins, Charles C.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	2	Tompkins Fred.—see "Special."	1
Pierson, Susan Augusta—"see Spec"	3	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)	4
Potter, Charles	1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Pray, Harley W.	1	Townsend Edmund J.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)	1
Rhineland, Frederic W.	1	Turner, Henry E.	1
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	1	Turner Henry E. Jr.	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Richmond, George A.	1	Underwood, Charles	1
Rider, Philip	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex. (Est.) see "Spec."	1
Riley, Henry C.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Robeson, Andrew (Estate)	1	Vernon, Samuel B. (Estate)	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.—see "Special."	3	Vernon, William (Estate)	1
Russell, Charles H.—see "Special."	4	Ward, A. Judson	1
Sanford, William H.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Weaver, George B.	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Seabury, William Gammell	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Shattuck, Lucy E.	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Willard, E. W.	1
Sherman, Anthony S.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1	Wormeley, K. P.	1



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1879.

NEWPORT:
PRINTED BY OLIVER M. ATKINSON,
1879.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

At their Annual Meeting, September 24th, 1879.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1879.

At the hour appointed, Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows ;

Francis Brinley,	Seth W. Macy,
Charles T. Brooks,	George C. Mason,
John T. Bush,	Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Samuel W. Butler,	Horatio R. Storer,
George F. Crandall,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Henry H. Fay,	Henry E. Turner,
David King,	and eleven by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Wm. Burditt,	Henry G. Marquand,
Mrs. Edwin C. Cushman,	Ellen Francis Mason,
Mrs. Pastora E. Humphrey,	Ida M. Mason,
Alfred D. Jessup,	Horatio Robinson Storer,
H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy,	Theodore Walton Woolsey.

The Record of the Special Meeting, held Dec. 9th, 1878, was then read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the gentlemen, whose names are on page 3d, were elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. King, it was *Resolved*, That all persons who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100, for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

On motion of Dr. King, it was *Resolved*, That the portrait of GEORGE W. GIBBS, Esq., be requested of him, to be perpetually preserved in the Library, to be placed on our walls with that of REDWOOD, and the other benefactors of the Library.

On motion of John T. Bush, Esq., *Voted*, That a tax of four and a half dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor of a \$25.00 share, but that a deduction of 50 cts. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before Feb. 1st, 1880.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and George F. Crandall, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1879.

In compliance with a vote of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, the Annual Report for the year ending September 24th, 1879, is respectfully submitted.

THE LIBRARY.

The condition of the volumes on our shelves is satisfactory, and very creditable to the constant supervision of our experienced Librarian, whose extra duties just now, are so various and engrossing.

The present number of volumes, is	22,566
An increase of	399

since the last Annual Report.

There have been added,

By purchase,	182
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By gift,	183
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By binding pamphlets and periodicals,	34
and 89 pamphlets.	

The number of books circulated is	8,290
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And on the following subjects :

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture,	40
2. Arts, Fine, - - -	59
3. Biography, - - -	652
4. Fiction and Juveniles, -	4,707
5. Geography and Explorations, -	465
6. History, - - -	574
7. Greek and Latin Classics, - -	8
8. Law and Politics, - - -	20
9. Literature, Essays, &c. - - -	492
10. Periodicals, - - -	627
11. Philosophy, Mental, - - -	26
12. " Moral, - - -	13
13. Poetry and Drama, - - -	248
14. Science, - - -	174
15. Theology, - - -	174

It may be thought that the number of volumes circulated is not large. It should be remembered, however, that this is not a public collection of popular works only ; it is a private Institution, (but always free to those who are introduced) and designed, in a great degree, as a Library for consultation. Many persons resort to it for aid on the special subjects they are investigating, and with great advantage, but who do not desire to take away the volumes they examine. For such purposes the collection is invaluable. .

DONATIONS.

To make an ample and descriptive catalogue of the books contributed to the Library during the past year, would swell this Report inordinately, and therefore only a few of them have been selected for special notice. The Library has been the favored recipient of many important and valuable volumes, other than those so noticed, the titles of which, and the names of the donors are inserted herein.

An inspection of the list will show that these benefactions were from various branches of the General Government ; from the State of Rhode Island and sister states ; from municipalities ; from Historical Societies and Literary Institutions, as well as from distinguished persons, at home and abroad.

At a meeting of the Directors on the 12th of May, 1879, the original of the following letter was submitted :

QUINCY, MASS.,

May 14, 1879.

TO LIBRARIAN OF REDWOOD LIBRARY :

Dear Sir: Herewith I send you a copy of a local history of Quincy, for the REDWOOD LIBRARY. You may not be aware that William Coddington was once a large land owner in this town, and that one of the streets and School Districts is still known by his name. He was also the town's first benefactor, having deeded to it a tract of land, an ac-

count of which you will find on page 315 of this volume. This history, in the preparation of which, by the way, I had no part, has therefore a remote local interest in connection with Newport, which induces me to place a copy on the shelves of your Library. In Cataloguing the book, please see that references are made to it under the title of Coddington.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES F. ADAMS, JR.

S. WHITNEY PHOENIX, Esq., one of our prominent summer residents, has favored us with three fine quarto volumes containing an account of "The Whitney Family, of Connecticut, and its affiliations, being an attempt to trace the line of Henry Whitney from 1649 to 1878. To which is affixed some account of the Whitneys, of England." This wonderful genealogical achievement was accomplished by Mr. Phoenix, who kindly presented to us one of five hundred quarto copies, all of which were designed for presentation and not for sale.

From George F. Tyler, Esq., of Philadelphia, we have received the interesting memoirs of Major General Robert Tyler, U. S. A., together with his journal of ten months service in British and Farther India; published in 1878.

Frederick W. Stevens, Esq., of New York, has given the Life of Albert Gallatin and his Letters, in 4 volumes, octavo; an important addition to our Biographical Department.

C. Nicholas Beach, of Hartford, Ct., has placed among our illustrated books a superb volume containing the "Report of the Committee appointed by the Philomathean Society of the University of Pennsylvania, to translate the inscription on the Rosetta Stone. This second edition is a beautiful specimeu of art, as well as of learning. We are indebted to the same liberal hand for the very valuable illustrated "Report on Explorations and Surveys for the Pacific Rail Road, being volumes 2 to 10, both inclusive.

Our fellow townsman Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., who is always alive to the interests of the Library, caused a manu-

script copy to be prepared of that rare tract, printed in London, in the year 1674 for William Coddington, and known by its quaint title, as "A Demonstration of true love unto you, the Rulers of the Colony of the Massachusetts, in New England."

By the kindness of the Hon. Thomas Bayley Potter, M. P. who has recently visited Newport, as the guest of Cyrus W. Field, Esq., we have received eight bound and nine unbound volumes, with several valuable papers from the Cobden Club, London.

An examination of the volume containing a list of donations during the year, reveals the significant fact, that these proofs of regard do not entirely proceed from the sterner sex, but that they are frequently the offerings of thoughtful and gifted women, whose literary tastes fostered a lively interest in the growing prosperity of the Redwood Library.

Thus we have received from Miss Catherine P. Wormeley, of Newport, a volume entitled, "Recollections of Ralph Randolph Wormeley, Rear Admiral in the R. N., by his three daughters; published in 1879. A very acceptable gift, as the Admiral was so well known and esteemed in this city.

Miss Mary R. Darby Smith, presents an illustrated volume of "Recollections of two distinguished persons, La Marquise de Boissy, and the Count de Waldeck."

From Mrs. Lieber, now of Newport, the second edition of a "Manual of Political Ethics," &c., by that distinguished Scholar, Francis L. Lieber, LL.D.

From Mrs. Sarah S. Pickering, of Boston, a quarto volume of 1,222 pages, being a "Chronological History of Plants, man's record of his own existence, illustrating their names, uses and companionship." This production of the late Dr. Charles Pickering, is full of the most curious learning for which that indefatigable scholar was distinguished.

Many other names of ladies will appear in the following list :

- Amory, Thomas C., Boston, 1 pph.
 Anagnos, M. I., Boston, 1 pph.
 Atkinson, James, heirs of, 6 vols.
 Atkinson, Professor William P., Boston, 1 vol.
 Barker, Robert S., 3 vols.
 Batterson, Rev. H. G., 1 vol.
 Binney, Amos, Boston, 5 vols.
 Boston Athenæum, 1 vol.
 Boston Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
 Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, 1 pph.
 Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 7 vols., 1 pph.
 Burnham, Gordon W., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Burnside, Hon. A. E., Cong. Record, 2 vols.
 Calvert, Hon. G. H., 3 vols. Pop. Sci. Monthly, continued, and 4
 Newspapers, continued.
 Cleveland, Ohio, Pub. Lib., 1 pph.
 Coghill, J. H., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Cox, Brinton, Philadelphia, 2 vols.
 Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C., 15 vols.
 Douglas, Henry James, Prov., 1 vol.
 Dresser, G. Warren, Gas Light Journal, continued.
 Drowne, Henry T., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Ellis, J. O. C., 1 vol.
 Francis, Dr. S. W., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Frederic A., San Francisco, 1 vol.
 Gilman, Daniel C., Balt., 1 vol.
 Goodwin, Miss Julia, 5 vols.
 Guild, Mrs. A. D. W., 1 vol.
 Harvard College, Camb., 1 vol.
 Hazard, Thomas R., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, N. Y., continued.
 Humphreys, Dr. E. R., Boston, 1 vol.

- Kernochan, Frederic, N. Y., 15 vols.
King, Dr. David, 1 vol.
Lamson, Frederic, Salem, Mass., 1 vol.
Lawrence, Mass., Free Lib. Bulletins, continued.
Leach, Rev. Daniel, Prov., 1 pph.
Ledyard, Hon. Henry, 2 vols.
Lundy, Rev. J. P., 1 vol.
McPhail, H. A. C., San Francisco, 1 vol.
Macy, Hon. Seth W., 1 vol.
Malcom, Rev. C. H., 3 pphs.
Marsh, Arthur R., 1 vol.
Mason, Geo. C., 1 vol.
Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
Mauran, J. E., 1 vol., 6 pphs.
Narragansett Weekly, continued.
New Jerusalem Messenger, continued.
Newport City, 1 vol.
Newton, Mass., Free Lib., 1 pph.
Norris, William, San Francisco, 1 vol.
Peckham, Charles B., 3 vols.
Perkins, Charles C., Boston, 1 vol.
Pitman, Mrs. Theophilus T., 1 vol.
Powell, Mary E., 4 vols.
Powel, Hon. Samuel, Proceedings of Nat. Hist. Soc., Phila., continued.
Religio-Philosophical Jour., Chicago, continued.
Rhode Island, State, 3 vols.
Salem, Mass., Essex Inst., 1 vol., 1 pph.
San Francisco, Merc. Lib., 2 pphs.
Seabury, Wm. Gammell, 1 vol.
Sears, Rev. Barnas, 1 pph.
Smithsonian Institution, 7 vols.
Stearns, Dr. Charles W., 1 pph.
Stone, Rev. Edwin M., Prov., 7 pphs.

Storer, Dr. Horatio R., 2 vols.
 Taylor, John J., France, 1 vol.
 Taylor, Admiral W. Rogers, 1 vol.
 Tilley, B. Hammett, 2 vols.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 5 vols., 1 pph.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, Review continued.
 U. S., per Hon. A. E. Burnside, 2 vols.
 U. S., per Hon. B. T. Eames, 12 vols.
 U. S., Bureau of Education, 1 pph.
 U. S. Engineer Dept., 3 vols., 23 maps.
 U. S. Naval Obs., 16 vols.
 U. S. Patent Office, Official Gazette, continued.
 U. S. Post Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. State Department, 1 vol.
 U. S. Treasury Department, 2 vols.
 U. S. War Department, 2 vols.
 VanZandt, Hon. C. C., 1 vol.
 Vermont, Hist. Soc., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Vermont, Merino S. B. Asn., 3 vols.
 Waring, Mrs. G. E., 2 vols.
 Williams, Geo. C., \$500 Confed. Note.
 Winthrop, Hon. Robert C. Boston, 1 pph.
 Woman's Jour., continued.
 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 2 vols.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

A letter was laid before the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, December 9th, 1878, as follows :

" PROVIDENCE, R. I., 23 College St.,
 15th Nov., 1878.

SIR :

In behalf of Mrs. Susan C. Bowen, of East Greenwich, I have forwarded to your address, a plate of Oriental

porcelain, once owned by the Founder of the Redwood Library.

Mrs. Bowen desires that you will acquaint the trustees of the Library with her gift to the Institution. The plate was purchased by my grandfather, the late Capt. Samuel Packard, of Providence, and North Kingstown, (Boston Neck,) at the sale of certain effects of Abraham Redwood, in Newport. There were originally two dozen, forming part of a dessert service, and a dozen of soup plates, of a different type of decoration. Of the former, eighteen remain, and of the latter, only two. The ware is what is known as the "King-te Chin," and the decoration is remarkably beautiful. The white enamel used so freely is rarely seen save on porcelain of great antiquity. I have several hung as plaques that have been greatly admired by connoisseurs of ceramics.

I am yours, very truly,

WM. SHAW BOWEN.

The plate was formally accepted, ordered to be properly mounted, and the gift acknowledged.

The following communication was duly received and acknowledged :

No. 18, WEST 17TH ST., NEW YORK.

To the Trustees of the Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.

GENTLEMEN :

If you consider it worthy of a place in your Reading Room, will you permit me to offer you the painting placed on deposit with you in December last.

It is a copy of part of a large picture in the Academy at Venice, painted by Bonifazio, and known as the "Rich Man's Feast."

The part copied is the centre of the picture, which is known as the "Concert." In the original the rich man is

seated on the left of the group, shown in the copy, while on the right Lazarus appears begging for the crumbs. The copy does not do justice to the original, which is deemed one of the finest pictures in Venice. Such as it is however, it may aid to adorn your walls and give some pleasure to those who use your rooms. If so, I shall be more than repaid by your acceptance of it.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very truly yours,

THATCHER M. ADAMS.

Whereupon it was voted that the President communicate to Mr. Adams the thanks of the Board for his valuable gift.

At the same time a letter was received from Rowland R. Hazard, Esq., late of Newport, presenting to the Company a portrait of Christopher Frye, and the President was requested to tender the thanks of the Board to Mr. Hazard.

A present of singular interest has been made to our Art Gallery, by Mrs. Pastora E. Humphreys, of Boston, it being a beautiful "Egg-service," consisting of a Tray, ten inches in diameter, with a silver plate in the centre, on which is engraved "Egg-service, manufactured from a portion of the Old Elm Tree, on Boston Common, which was prostrated by the violent gale on Friday, June 29th, 1860." With the Tray, are six egg-cups of the same material, spoon and salt-cup lined with gold. All these are in an appropriate case. According to Appleton's Encyclopedia, the old elm is regarded as the oldest tree in New England ; it is represented on a map engraved in 1722, and is supposed to be as old as Boston itself. In the great branch broken off by the gale of 1860, nearly two hundred rings could be easily counted. It was also mutilated by a high wind in 1869, and is now protected by strong iron bands and props, and an iron fence.

OTHER DONATIONS.

The following letter was, by order of the Board, sent to Mrs. Charlotte Tompkins :

NEWPORT, Feb. 11, 1879.

MRS. CHARLOTTE TOMPKINS,

Madam :

I am requested by the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, to express their grateful appreciation of your liberal donation of \$50, to be used for the binding of books. Many of our volumes have been dilapidated from constant or hard usage, and I cannot but hope that your graceful recognition of the fact will stimulate others to follow so good and thoughtful a precedent

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

The precedent was promptly followed by the gift of twelve dollars by Madam Marius Panon, for the same purpose.

CORPORATE SEAL.

Some months ago, the want of a seal, made it necessary to obtain the assent of a Department of the United States to a document not thus accompanied. To avoid the occurrence of a similar difficulty, it was deemed proper that a Committee should be appointed to consider the subject. The Charter of 1747 provides, "that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library and successors, forever, hereafter, to have one common seal, and the same at their will and pleasure to change and alter." It is a little singular that the Proprietors should have permitted more than a century and a quarter to pass away without an attempt to comply with that clause of the Charter.

At a special meeting of the Company, called to consider the propriety of adopting a Corporate Seal, held December 9th, 1878, the following Preamble and Resolution, were adopted: " *Whereas*, the Committee heretofore appointed by the Directors to procure a device of a Seal for the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, reported in favor of a Seal representing in the centre, the front and side of this building, and in a circle around the edge, the name and place of the Institution, and in which seal is engraved the date of Incorporation, 1747, and the date of the erection of this building, 1748, which seal and its Press were the unsolicited gift of George H. Norman, Esq., of Newport.

Resolved, That the Company hereby adopt said Seal as that of this Corporation, and request the President so to inform Mr. Norman, and to express their high appreciation of this thoughtful and most acceptable present."

During the last spring the unexpected news arrived that Robert M. Mason, Esq., one of the Board of Directors had departed this life. Mr. Mason had passed the summer months in Newport, for many years, and therefore was very generally known to this community, and we feel that a most valued citizen has been taken from our midst.

Appropriate Resolutions were adopted by the Directors, which will be appended hereto.

We are called upon, also, to lament the loss of Isaac P. Hazard, another friend of this Institution. In the days of languishment, which he so long and patiently endured, he did not forget the Redwood Library, though unable to avail himself of its literary resources, and who, long before his death, voluntarily sent to its aid one hundred dollars. Thus passed away, a distinguished and enterprising son of Rhode Island. In this connection it may be appropriately stated that the Treasurer was directed to receive from the Executor of our late associate, Augustus N. Littlefield, deceased, the

sum of one thousand dollars, the amount of the legacy given to the Library by Capt. Littlefield, and under the direction of the Finance Committee to invest the amount in a Bond of the United States. This has been done.

At the same meeting, to show the good feeling of this Institution, towards the Free Library, of Newport, it was voted that the Librarian have leave to present one of the duplicate volumes of U. S. Archives, to the Free Library.

The Rev. C. T. Brooks, some months ago, very kindly proposed to give a series of Lectures, one each week, for the benefit of the Library. They were listened to, not by a numerous, but by an appreciative audience, the net proceeds amounting to fifty-three dollars. A larger sum could not be expected, when it is remembered how numerous are the engagements of our people during the summer season. We are under great obligations to this distinguished scholar for the time and labor he devoted to the preparation and delivery of his graphic and instructive lectures.

As a striking proof of the extensive reputation of the Library, reference may be made to the reception during the summer of the Trustees of the Butler Hospital, of Providence, and their guests, a distinguished delegation of gentlemen connected with American Institutions for the Insane, who came to Newport for the express purpose of seeing this ancient building, and its rare contents. They were cordially welcomed by the President and Dr. King. They left, of necessity after a short time, with expressions of their great gratification, at the interview.

The financial condition of the Company will be shown by the annual report of the Treasurer, which cannot be perfected before the close of the fiscal year, that is, the last Wednesday of September. At that time he will be able to include the progress of the plan suggested by one of our summer residents and friends, for the liquidation of the debt incurred by the enlargement of this edifice, and which prom-

ises to be an assured success. This Report when presented will contain a statement in regard to a project, so auspiciously commenced, and which manifests not only the liberality of those who contribute to this laudable object, but their abiding interest in the prosperity of the Redwood Library.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, September 8th, 1879.

Obituary Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, April 14, 1879, the following Resolutions offered by President Brinley, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the intelligence of the death of our valued associate, Robert M. Mason, which occurred so soon after his arrival in a far-distant Southern State, whither he went not only for his own health, but at the promptings of paternal affection, is received by the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum with mingled emotions of awe and respect.

Resolved, That regard for his memory requires us to make permanent in our Records, an expression of our high estimate of his urbanity, moral rectitude, considerate judgment, good desires, interest in all benevolent purposes, and his religious convictions, which shone so conspicuously when the announcement was made to his unexpected ear, that for him, the gate of life everlasting was about to open.

Resolved, That an attested copy of these Resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of our sympathy in their bereavement.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. "OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100,

Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation."

Anderson, Martha M.	1	Mason, Earl P. (Estate)	1
Ashhurst, William H.	1	Mason, Ellen Francis	1
Beeckman, Helen	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Brooks, Charles T.	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Rutler, Samuel W.	1	Norman, George H.	1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1	Norman, Stephen H.	1
Carey, John Jr.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1
Cooke, Joseph J.	1	Pierson, Susan Augusta	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Powel, Samuel	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Ray, Robert	1
Cozzens, William C. (Estate)	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Davis, Dr. Charles	1	Russell, Charles H.	1
Fearing, George Richmond	1	Sands, Austin L. (Estate)	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie Redwood	1	Sears, David (Estate)	1
Foster, John	1	Sheffield, William F.	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Sherman, Isaac of New York	1
Gibbs, Sarah	1	Smith, Alfred	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Staigg, Richard M.	1
Hammett, George A. (Estate)	1	Stevens, Mrs. F. W.	1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1	Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1
Hono, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hoplin, Hamilton	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Humphrey, Mrs. Pastora F.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tucker, William W.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander (Estate)	1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	Wales, George W.	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wetmore, Annie D.	1
King, Le Roy	1	Wetmore, Edith K.	1
Ledyard, Henry	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
McCurdy, Robert H.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Macy, Seth W.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1
Malcom, Charles H.	1	Willett, Edward M.	1
Marquand, Henry G.	1		

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL

ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Allman, Benjamin H. Jr.	1	Beck, Henry Paul	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Berry, Mrs. M. T.	2
Allan, William S. N.	1	Roit, Edward D.	4
Atkinson, James, (Estate)	1	Bowen, George	1
Bailey, Joseph I. (Estate)	1	Bowen, Stephen (Estate)	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Bowler, William T.	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Bradford, Joseph, (Estate)	1
Baker, Darius	1	Breese, Thomas (Estate)	1
Bancroft, George	1	Brinley, Edward H.	1
Barber, Charles P.	1	Brinley, Edward L.	3
Barker, Robert S.	2	Brinley, Francis	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *Continued.*

Bronson, Arthur	1	Hamilton, William	1
Brooks, Sidney (Estate)	6	Hammett, Charles E.	2
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Hammett, Elizabeth	1
Brown, John Carter (Estate)	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)	1
Brownell, William	1	Hammond, Zenas L.	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Hart, Joseph M.	3
Bull, Henry	1	Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.	1
Burditt, William	1	Hazard, Charlotte T.	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Hazard, Henry B.	3
Bush, John T.	2	Hazard, Isaac P. (Estate)	1
Butler, Samuel W.—see "Special."	2	Hazard, J. Alfred	1
Cahoone, Stephen (Estate)	1	Hazard, John A. of T. G. (Estate)	3
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Hazard, Rowland R.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Hazard, Thomas Hull	4
Case, J. Ludlow	1	Higginson, Thomas W.	1
Caswell, John R.	1	Hoffman, Susan O.	2
Chase, Gilbert (Estate)	1	Honey, Samuel R.	2
Child, William S.	1	Hoppin, Hamilton	3
Clarke, Harriet	1	Horton, Jeremiah W.	1
Clarke, Thomas H.	2	Howland, Benjamin B. (Estate)	1
Clarke, William A.	4	Hunter, Mary R.	1
Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)	1	Hunter, Rebecca E.	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hunter, Thomas R.	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Ives, Robert H. (Estate)	1
Congdon, John C.	1	Kane, Delancey, (Estate)	8
Congdon, W. P.	1	Kennedy, Robert Lenox—see "Special"	2
Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.	1	King, Caroline, (Estate)	1
Cornell, William	1	King, David	5
Cottrell, Michael	1	King, David Jr.	1
Cottrell, Silas H.	1	King, Edward (Estate)	4
Cozzens, George	1	King, George G.	1
Cozzens, Henry W.	1	King, William H.	6
Cozzens, John H.	1	Ladd, John W.	1
Cozzens Wm. C. (Est.) see "Special"	2	Langley, Job T.	1
Crandall, George F.	1	Langley, William C.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)	9
Dame, Hannah (Estate)	1	Lawrence, William B.	1
Deblois, Henry D.	1	Lawton, Charles E. (Estate)	1
D'Hauterville, Mrs. S. W.	1	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Denniston George, Jr.	1	Lawton George	1
Dumont, Elizabeth S.	1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)	1
Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)	1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Dunn, Thomas	1	Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. Willbor)	1
Edgar, William	4	Leverett, William	1
Ellery, Mary G. and H. C.	1	Littlefield, Augustus N. (Estate)	1
Engs, George	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Engs, John S.	1	Lyon, Joseph (Estate)	1
Engs, Samuel	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Ennis, Caroline W.	1	Macy, Seth W.	1
Fay, Henry H.	1	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)	1
Field, John W.	1	Mason, Earl P. (Est.)—see "Special."	2
Finch, Benjamin	1	Mason, George C.	1
Fludder, James	5	Mason, Ellen F.—see "Special"	3
Fludder, William	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Foster, John	2	Mauran, James E.	1
Franklin, Robert S.	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Gibbes, Emily O.	1	Morris, Henry	1
Gibbes, Sarah B.	1	Morris, Wistar	1
Gibbes, B. M. (Estate)	2	Munro, Rebecca (Mrs. Finch)	1
Glavin, William	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Goffe, Augustus	1	Newton, Clara	1
Gould, David J. (Estate)	2	Newton, Mrs. Hannah C. (Estate)	1
Gray, Louisa F.	1	Newton, Mary	1
Greene, George W. (Estate)	1	Nicolai, Mary E.	1
Greene, John H.	1	Norman, Stephen H.—see "Special."	2
Greene, Nathaniel	1	Paine, John	2
Griswold, J. N. A.	4	Parkman, George F.	3
Gyles' Charles (Estate)	1	Pearson, John (Estate)	1
Hall, George, (Estate)	1	Peckham, Charles B.	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *Continued.*

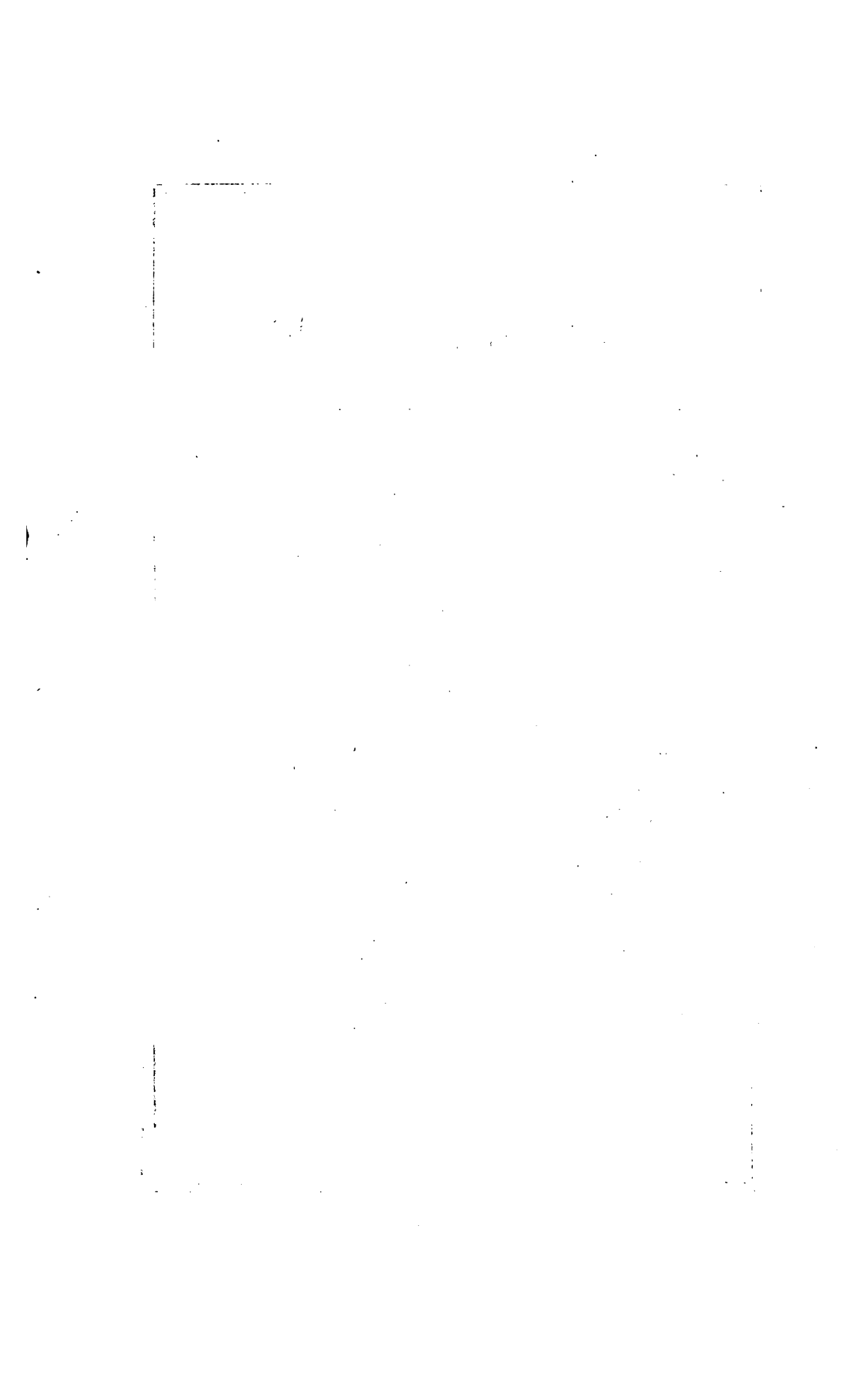
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Peckham, Felix	1	Spooner, W. H. D.	1
Peckham, George H.	1	Stevens, David	1
Peckham, Henry I.	1	Stevens, William (Estate)	1
Peckham, Job A.	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Peckham, Mary E. (Mrs. Packard)	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Peckham, Thomas P.	1	Stoddard John C.	1
Peckham, William G. Jr.	2	Storer, Horatio R.	1
Pell Clarke, Leslie,	1	Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden	1	Swinbure, Daniel T. (Estate)	1
Perkins, Charles C.	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	2	Terrill, George	1
Pierson, Susan Augusta—"see Spec."	3	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Potter, Charles	1	Tiffany, George	2
Pray Harley W.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Tompkins Fred—"see 'Special.'"	1
Rhine'ander, Frederic W.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)	4
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Townsend Edmund J.	1
Richmond, George A.	1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)	1
Rider, Philip	1	Turner, Henry E.	1
Riley, Henry C.	1	Turner, Henry E. Jr.	1
Robeson, Andrew (Estate)	3	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Russell, Mrs. Anna K—"see 'Special'"	3	Underwood, Charles	1
Russell, Charles H—"see 'Special,'"	4	Van Rensselaer, Alex. (Est) see 'Spec.'	1
Sanford, William H.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Vernon, Samuel B. (Estate)	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	1	Vernon, William (Estate)	1
Seabury, William Gammell	1	Ward, A. Judson	1
Shattuck, Lucy E.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Weaver, George B.	1
Sherman, Anthony S.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Sherman, William	1	Willard, E. W.	1
Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Smith, William H.	1	Woolsey, Theodore W.	1
Southwick, J. M. K.	1	Wormeley, K. P.	1
Spooner, Charles	1		

LIFE MEMBERS.

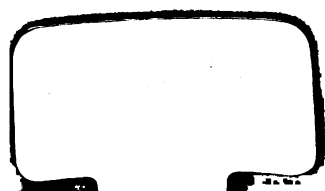
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all persons, who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100, for the benefit of the Library shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life-Members.

Anderson, Elbert J.
Ashhurst, William H.
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B.
Bancroft, George
Beach, C. Nichols
Belmont, Auguste
Bennet, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Caswell, Philip
Channing, William F.
Clarke, William A.
Cooke, Joseph J.
Cornell, Richard
Davis, Dr. Charles
Dunn, Thomas
Fearing, Henry S.
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hopkin, Hamilton
Hunter, Anna F.
Kennedy, Robert Lenox
Kernochan, Frederic
King, David. (M. D.)
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Ledyard, Henry
Lenox, James
LeRoy, Daniel

Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.
Low, Seth
Lyman, Charles
Macy, Seth W.
Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
Morgan, Edwin D.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden Francis D.
Parkinson, C. B.
Phoenix, F. Whitney
Paine, John
Panon, Mrs. Marius
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers Fairman
Russell, Charles H.
Sheffield, William P.
Sheldon, Frederic
Smith, Alfred
Stevens, Frederic W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Townsend, Ellen
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Wetmore, Geo. Peabody
Wharton, Joseph
Wolfe, Catharine L.







ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1880.

NEWPORT:
DAVIS & PITMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1881.



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OFFICERS
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,
1880-1881.

PRESIDENT:
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

VICE PRESIDENT:
CHARLES T. BROOKS.

DIRECTORS:

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,	SETH W. MACY,
JOHN T. BUSH,	CHAS. H. MALCOM,
SAMUEL W. BUTLER,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	GEORGE C. MASON,
HENRY H. FAY,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.,
GEORGE W. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
DAVID KING,	HENRY E. TURNER,
LEROY KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
JOB T. LANGLEY,	CHAS. C. VAN ZANDT.

TREASURER:
JOB T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY:
BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, Librarian.

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

DAVID KING,	CHARLES T. BROOKS,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	F. W. TILTON,
CHARLES H. MALCOM.	

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	JOB T. LANGLEY,
SETH W. MACY,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
HENRY G. MARQUAND.	

On Pictures and Statuary.

HENRY H. FAY,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.
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On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER,	GEORGE W. GIBBS.
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On Repairs.

JOHN T. BUSH,	GEORGE C. MASON,
WILLIAM H. ASHHURST.	

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.
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On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,	LEROY KING.
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum, NEWPORT, R. I.,

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1880.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 1880.

At the hour appointed, Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Francis Brinley,	George C. Mason,
Charles T. Brooks,	Benjamin H. Rhoades,
John T. Bush,	John P. Sanborn,
William A. Clarke,	Horatio R. Storer,
William Gilpin,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Job T. Langley,	Henry E. Turner,
Seth W. Macy,	Henry N. Ward,
Charles H. Malcom,	and thirteen by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Misses Atkinson,	Christopher M. Lee,
Robert S. Covill,	John Rogers,
Mrs. Mary E. Dennis,	John P. Sanborn,
Mrs. Delia C. Hazard,	Achilles Stevens,
John G. Weaver.	

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, and ordered to be printed.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the gentlemen whose names are on page 3d, were elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Malcom,

Voted, That a tax of four dollars in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor of a \$25 share.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Malcom,

Voted, That the Stockholders approve the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Directors and repeated on the last page of the President's Report, respecting the "General Fund for Current Expenses," and that the interest be used annually.

Adjourned.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 1880.

In compliance with a vote of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum the President submits a Report for the year ending Sept. 29th, 1880.

The condition of the books on our shelves, many of them of rare editions, is very satisfactory with the exception of some of the popular volumes, which show the marks of incessant usage.

For the repair and restoration of works necessarily impaired by constant circulation there should be a specific fund as was suggested in the Report for 1878.

The numerous and valuable donations of the past year are abundant proof that the widely-spread interest in the prosperity of this Institution steadily increases with the growth of this favored island. In an Appendix there may be found the names of those considerate benefactors with brief notices of their gifts.

Among the names is that of Madame Marius Panon (a descendant of our venerated founder, Abraham Redwood) who presented "Wilson's American Ornithology, or The Natural History of the United States," in six volumes, a rare and valuable work. From Hon. Horatio Gates Jones of Philadelphia, "Second Geological Survey of Pennsyl-

vania," in 32 volumes. Other donations from individuals and from official departments are worthy of special notice ; but we must be content with merely referring to the accompanying list.

NUMBER OF BOOKS.

The number of books by the last annual report was as it appears by the statement of the Librarian,	23,110.
Since added, by purchase, - - -	206
“ “ “ gift, - - -	332
“ “ “ binding pamphlets and periodicals, -	12
Total number Sept. 1, 1880, -	<u>23,660</u>

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1880, was 172.

The number of books circulated during the same period was 7,932.

And on the following subjects :

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture, -	19
2. Arts—Fine, - - - -	87
3. Biography, - - - -	953
4. Fiction and Juveniles, - - -	4,265
5. Geography, Exploration and Observation, -	486
6. History, - - - -	533
7. Greek and Latin Classics, - - -	14
8. Law and Politics, - - -	44
9. Literature, Essays, &c., - - -	338
10. Periodicals, - - - -	634

11.	Philosophy, Mental,	-	-	-	11
12.	“ Moral,	-	-	-	16
13.	Poetry and Drama,	-	-	-	243
14.	Science, -	-	-	-	179
15.	Theology and Eccles. Hist.,	.	-	-	110

It must not be inferred that the number of books circulated gives the extent of the use of the contents of the Library. Our spacious halls and quiet nooks invite the student, who has some special work in progress. And they are no less attractive to the temporary subscriber, who longs to luxuriate over the latest magazines. It is quite likely to be true, that as many volumes are read or consulted within the Library, as are taken away for perusal. Its rich literary treasures are for consultation quite as much as for circulation.

FREEDOM FROM DEBT.

The most noteworthy event in the history of the Library, since the last Annual Report, is the payment of the balance of the debt incurred by the enlargement of this edifice, and the addition of a portico to its easterly side. This was effected through the liberality of a few of its judicious friends, whose names, together with the amount of their respective contributions are gratefully presented in this Report.

Agassiz, Alexander, . . . \$100	Macy, Seth W., . . . \$25
Astor, J. J., . . . 200	Marquand, H. G., . . . 200
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley, . . . 100	Ogden, Francis L., . . . 100
Baker, Mary B., . . . 100	Paine, John, . . . 100
Baker, Mrs. Richard, . . . 100	Phoenix, S. Whitney, . . . 200
Bancroft, George, . . . 100	Pierson, J. Frederic, . . . 20
Beach, C. Nichols, . . . 100	Pierson, Mrs. S. A., . . . 20
Bennett, J. G., . . . 100	Rives, William C., . . . 100
Bryce, J. Smith, . . . 50	Rogers, Fairman, . . . 100
Clarke, Wm. A., . . . 133	Rogers, Prof. Wm. B., . . . 20
Cooke, Joseph J., . . . 100	Sheffield, Wm. P., Jr., . . . 100
Cornell, Richard, . . . 50	Stevens, Frederic W., . . . 100
Cushman, Mrs. Emma C., . . . 10	Stout, Francis A., . . . 100
Foster, John, . . . 150	Terrill, Dr. George, . . . 20
Gibbs, George W., . . . 500	Tompkins, Frederic, . . . 35
Gibbs, Theo. K., . . . 100	Tompkins, Hamilton B., . . . 75
Hunter, Anna F., . . . 100	Travers, Wm. R., . . . 50
Keene, James R., . . . 200	Tucker, Wm. W., . . . 50
King, Dr. David, . . . 100	Tuckerman, Joseph, . . . 200
King, David, Jr., . . . 100	Wales, Geo. W., . . . 50
LeRoy, Daniel, . . . 100	Wharton, Joseph, . . . 100
Lorillard, Pierre, . . . 100	Wolfe, Catherine L., . . . 100
Low, Seth, . . . 100	
Lyman, Charles, . . . 50	
	<hr/> \$4,705

AMOUNTS PAID IN 1877.

Mrs. Edward King, . . . \$400.00	Samuel R. Honey, . . . 10.00
Miss Elizabeth S. King, 25.00	Clarence King, . . . 30.00
Edward A. King, . . . 25.00	Charles P. Barber, . . . 10.00
LeRoy King, . . . 25.00	Wm. G. Williams, of Prov. . . 10.00
George G. King, . . . 25.00 100.00	Thomas Dunn, . . . 100.00
The subscriptions of Mrs. King and family are upon condition that the land shall not be sold.	
Joseph J. Cooke, . . . 100.00	Mrs. M. E. Tompkins, . . . 5.00
Henry W. Cooke, . . . 10.00	Thomas B. Buffum, . . . 5.00
Thomas W. Higginson, . . . 10.00	Benjamin Hazard of T. G., . . . 10.00
	Fred Tompkins, . . . 15.00
	Samuel Brown, . . . 50.00

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Daniel LeRoy, . . .	50.00	E. H. Schermerhorn, . . .	25.00
Hamilton B. Tompkins, . . .	25.00	W. P. Pepper, . . .	25.00
Richard Cornell, . . .	50.00	Mrs. Gardner Brewer, . . .	50.00
Augustus N. Littlefield, . . .	50.00	Mrs. William Gammell, . . .	100.00
Thomas M. Seabury, . . .	25.00	L. P. Morton, . . .	25.00
Robert M. Mason, . . .	130.00	Miss Catherine L. Wolfe, . . .	50.00
John B. Newton, . . .	50.00	Admiral A. Ludlow Case, . . .	25.00
Dr. Charles Davis, . . .	100.00	J. Smith Bryce, . . .	50.00
Mrs. John Carter Brown, . . .	250.00	Mrs. Richard Baker, . . .	50.00
Dr. Samuel W. Butler, . . .	30.00	George C. Mason, . . .	25.00
Francis Brinley, . . .	50.00	Edward F. Newton, . . .	10.00
Mrs. Fred W. Stevens, . . .	100.00	F. W. Tilton and friend, . . .	40.00
Thomas F. Cushing, . . .	25.00	Charles Lyman, . . .	50.00
Miss Ellen Mason, . . .	100.00	Miss Ellen Townsend, . . .	200.00
Miss Ida Mason, . . .	50.00	Henry H. Swinburne, . . .	10.00
George H. Norman, . . .	50.00		
William W. Tucker, . . .	50.00	Total paid, . . .	\$2,785.00

This amount together with that which was obtained in 1877, as specified in the Report for that year, but which is repeated in this Report, that all the facts may be seen at a glance, liberates the Library from its burden of debt. It is all important to keep it so; but that cannot be, as things are, without resorting to a most stringent, and therefore, in some respects, an inconvenient economy. Our main sources of income for general purposes, are, *First*, The annual Tax established by vote of the Company. Experience has solidified it into a fixed fact, that an annual tax of over five dollars would not be endured. There are now two hundred and ten of these taxable, twenty-five dollar shares, as they are usually designated.

Two hundred and ten shares at \$5 each should
yield \$1,050.00

The \$5 tax includes that of \$1 which by the Charter must be laid at the Annual Meeting for
"the purchase of books," and therefore we
must deduct \$210.00

\$840.00

Second, The Interest on the "Special Shares" or
\$100 shares, as they are called, \$5,859.56
at 5 per cent. \$292.97

Third, The interest on Capt. Littlefield's legacy
of \$1000 \$60.00

Fourth, From temporary Subscribers, say \$200.00

Fifth, Droppings into the Treasury from all
sources, some of them, like the subscrip-
tions of summer visitors, being very uncer-
tain, say \$100.00

\$1492.97

Thus there are but
at the disposal of the Company for its current expenses or
annual support; an amount which it must be seen is insuf-
ficient for the yearly cost of maintaining the Library in
working order.

The perception of this want of means undoubtedly
induced those zealous friends of the Library, Mrs. Deborah
F. Wharton and Mr. Charles W. Wharton, of Philadelphia,
to give fifty dollars each to the Institution upon the express
condition that their donations should not be used for the
purchase of books. Their considerate act prompted the
introduction of the following Resolutions at the regular
monthly meeting of the Directors, in August last. They

were unanimously adopted and referred with the recommendation of the Directors that they should also be adopted by the Company at the Annual Meeting :

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That it is expedient to create a Fund to be designated "The General Fund of the Redwood Library for Current Expenses," of which said Fund, neither the principal nor the interest thereof, nor any portion of either of them, shall be appropriated or used for buying, binding or repairing of books, periodicals, pamphlets, or newspapers, or for the purchase of works of Art, but the net annual interest of said Fund shall be used only for the payment of the annual, regular and usual expenses necessary for the management of the Library, except as hereinafter provided.

Resolved, That whenever the net annual income of said proposed "General Current Expense Fund" shall be more than sufficient for the payment of said annual current expenses of managing the Library as aforesaid, then any portion of such excess may be used for such other purposes as the Board of Directors at any legal meeting may by vote determine to be for the permanent advantage of the Institution.

Should the attempt to create such a Fund be crowned with success, then the Redwood Library would be fixed on the vantage-ground, to which by the almost romantic history of its origin it is entitled, and thus make permanent for all time, one of the most interesting of the varied attractions of old Newport.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

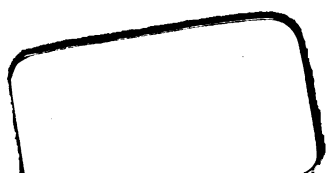
President, for the Directors.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 29, 1880.

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| Tucker, W. W., Bost., 1 vol. | U. S. State Department, 2 vols. |
| Turner, Dr. Henry E., 1 vol. | U. S. War Department, 3 vols. |
| Unitarian Asso., Bost., Review, continued. | Van Zandt, Hon. C. C., 1 vol. |
| U. S., Hon. A. E. Burnside, 28 vols., 2 pphs., Map of U. S. | Wetmore, G. P., 4 vols., 2 revolving book cases. |
| U. S. Bureau of Education, 1 vol., 3 pphs. | Wharton, Mrs. D. F., Phila., 4 vols., 2 pphs., \$50. |
| U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol. | Wharton, C. W., Phila., \$50. |
| U. S. Engineer Department, 2 vols. | Wheeler, John H., Washington, 1 vol. |
| U. S. Interior Department, 5 vols. | Whitmore, W. H., Bost., 1 vol. |
| U. S. Naval Department, 1 vol. | Winthrop, Hon. R. C., 1 pph. |
| | Woman's Journal, continued. |







ONE HUNDRED. AND FIFTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1881.

NEWPORT:
DAVIS & PITMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1881.



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Redwood Library and Athenæum
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OFFICERS
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,
1881-1882.

PRESIDENT :
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

VICE PRESIDENT :
CHARLES T. BROOKS.

DIRECTORS :

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	GEORGE C. MASON,
HENRY H. FAY,	JAMES E. MAURAN,
GEORGE W. GIBBS,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
DAVID KING,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
LEROY KING,	HENRY E. TURNER,
JOB T. LANGLEY,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
SETH W. MACY,	CHAS. C. VAN ZANDT,
CHAS. H. MALCOM,	GEORGE W. WALES.

TREASURER :
JOB T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY :
BENJAMIN F. THURSTON.

BENJAMIN F. THURSTON, Librarian.

H. E. ARMINGTON, JR., Assistant.

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

DAVID KING, CHARLES T. BROOKS,
 WILLIAM GILPIN, F. W. TILTON,
 JAMES E. MAURAN.

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE, JOB T. LANGLEY,
 SETH W. MACY, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
 HENRY G. MARQUAND.

On Pictures and Statuary.

HENRY H. FAY, GEORGE W. WALES.

On Auditing Accounts.

WILLIAM GILPIN, JAMES E. MAURAN.

On Repairs.

GEORGE C. MASON, WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,
 SETH W. MACY.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER, LEROY KING.

PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE COMPANY OF THE
 Redwood Library and Athenæum,
 NEWPORT, R. I.

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1881.

The annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1881.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. Francis Brinley, and the Company proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Francis Brinley,	Stephen H. Norman,
Charles T. Brooks,	Horatio R. Storer,
William A. Clarke,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry H. Fay,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
David King,	Henry E. Turner,
LeRoy King,	Henry N. Ward,
Seth W. Macy,	George H. Wilson,

and six by proxy.

The record of the last annual meeting, held Sept. 29th, 1880, was read and approved.

The gentlemen whose names appear on page three were then elected officers of the Company for the year ensuing.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company :

Benjamin F. Downing, Jr.,	Mrs. Abby Spooner,
Alfred G. Langley,	Mrs. Mary C. Tilley,
Mrs. Susan B. Sherman,	John P. Underwood.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Secretary, accepted, and ordered to be printed, with such changes as should be deemed necessary by the Directors.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

Voted, That a tax of four dollars in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor of a \$25 share.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned.

BENJAMIN F. THURSTON,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1881.

The Directors of "the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum" respectfully present their report for the year ending September 28, 1881 :

Looking back upon the history of the Library for the past year, we cannot but painfully note the loss of valued officers and friends of the institution, who have been removed from the ever-recurring and circling cares of this mortal life to that

"lofty realm where days and years revolve no more."

Not long after the last annual meeting it was apparent that the health of our esteemed and indefatigable Librarian, Benjamin H. Rhoades, was declining. Yet he resolutely performed his various labors until prudence required that he should retire to the comforts and repose of his home. There he lingered until the 23d of December, 1880, when his spirit "returned to God who gave it." Thus passed away a faithful officer, an unassuming scholar and a pure-hearted Christian gentleman. Among his last earthly thoughts were suggestions concerning the Redwood Library, which he had served so long and loved so well.

"Adspicit ad cælum et dulces moriens reminiscitur Argos."

The resolutions passed by the Directors, and the just poetical tribute to his memory by the Rev. Charles T. Brooks may be found in the appendix.

Not long after this melancholy event, we were called upon to record the death of John T. Bush, one of the present board of Directors. He was well known in this community as a sagacious, successful man of business, and for the fidelity with which he discharged the various public duties, which had been intrusted to him by the citizens of Newport. A few months later another of our Board of Directors, Dr. Samuel W. Butler, was suddenly taken from our midst. He was a successful practitioner, of genial and courteous manners, with much business ability.

The Resolutions adopted by the Directors on these occasions may be found in the appendix.

It is not our custom to pass resolutions on the death of a stockholder in the Redwood Library unless he was one of its officers. The death of Joseph J. Cooke seemed to justify a deviation from this custom. A few years ago he purchased an estate in Newport, where he resided part of each year. His knowledge and love of books naturally led him to take deep interest in the Redwood Library, which he manifested by frequent and valuable contributions of works of value. The last one was a fine edition of the works of Sir William Jones, in 13 volumes octavo; while just before his death he voluntarily sent from Providence his donation to the proposed "Special fund for the general purposes" of the library. The resolutions passed upon the death of this well-known Bibliophile, prepared by Dr. David King, are included in the appendix.

THE LIBRARY.

The death of our Librarian, Mr. Rhoades, made it necessary for the Directors to appoint a successor. This was a delicate and difficult duty, inasmuch as they felt obliged to fix the salary at the small sum of one thousand dollars, two hundred dollars of which were to be paid to his assistant. After much consideration they appointed Benjamin F. Thurston, Librarian, and Horace E. Armington, Jr., his assistant, the latter a young man who had charge of the Library during the illness of Mr. Rhoades, having assisted him at times.

The general appearance and condition of the Library are all that can be expected, and entitle the new incumbents to much credit. For not until greater shelf accommodation is obtained, and books so mutilated by constant use as just at this time to be neither useful nor ornamental can be rebound or removed, can the Library present the attractive appearance we desire.

GIFTS.

As usual, we have received valuable volumes from private and official sources, all of which are regularly recorded, and reported by the Librarian at the several monthly meetings of the Directors.

A complete list of all the books presented to the Library during the year will be found in the appendix.

The following contributions to the Gallery of Art and Cabinet of Curiosities were made during the same period.

1. *Madam M. D. W. Rogers*, of Bristol, R. I., whose munificent gift of books to the library is well remembered, has manifested her abiding interest by giving a fac-simile copy of an early number of the "Newport Mercury," artistically framed, so that either side of the sheet can be examined at the pleasure of the reader.

2. *George W. Wales, Esq.*, of Boston, one of our summer residents, presented two admirable marble busts, one of Ariosto and the other of Dante, which will be valued not only for their intrinsic merit, but as an evidence of the donor's regard for the library.

3. *Mrs. S. Adlam* contributed a steel engraving of her late husband, the Rev. Samuel Adlam, an esteemed clergyman of Newport.

4. *Miss Sarah F. Turner*, of Newport, gave a valuable portrait of her late brother, Daniel Turner, of the United States Navy.

Dr. David King, when presenting it on her behalf, made the following remarks :

MR. PRESIDENT :

I have been requested by Miss Sarah F. Turner to present to the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the portrait of her brother, Daniel Turner, Esq., late a Captain in the United States Navy and a citizen of Newport, Rhode Island. Daniel Turner, as I knew him as a familiar friend, was an intelligent and well-informed gentleman in Newport society. He was an accomplished naval officer, and known to be an expert in every department of his profession.

He was born in New Jersey in 1795. His early boyhood was passed in Newport, where he imbibed that fondness for the sea which led him to select the navy as his pursuit in life. He was early attached to Newport, with whose interests he, and his family in subsequent life, became in a degree identified. It was from Newport that he entered the navy in 1803, though

availing himself of the right and privilege of his native state, New Jersey. From Newport he accompanied Captain Oliver Hazard Perry with a large number of Rhode Islanders to the shores of Lake Erie. In the battle on that lake fought on the 10th of September, 1813, by Commodore Perry, Lieut. Turner was the commander of the *Caledonia*. He took the place assigned to him by Perry, opposite the *Hunter* and near the *Lawrence*. Though the wind was light during the battle, which lasted for three hours, it was surprising to Lieut. Turner, as well as the other commanders, that Capt. Elliot, of the *Niagara*, did not find occasion in the course of the first two hours, to arrive into the position determined for him by Commodore Perry previously to the battle. It was not owing to the unskilfulness of her crew, for the *Niagara* was one of the best appointed ships in the American fleet; as is proved by her successful manœuvring under Perry's management. Before Perry came on board she was an inert body floating on the water, but at a distance from the enemy's fleet; and apparently, unable to inflict any considerable injury on the enemy. But under the command of Perry the *Niagara* became a thing of life; and in close quarters, poured into the *Detroit* and *Queen Charlotte*, the *Lady Prevost*, and the *Little Belt*, those deadly broadsides, those sharp and destructive fires of grape and cannister which induced their quick surrender, and gave to the American arms the ever memorable victory. After the conquest the captain of the British fleet, Robert Heriot Barclay, a distinguished commander in Nelson's fleet at Trafalgar, was astonished at the youth of his antagonists. He particularly noticed Lieut. Turner; seeing that he was a mere boy, he remarked to Commodore Perry: "if your boys can fight so well, what may we not expect from your men?" Commodore Perry, in his letter to the Secretary of the Navy, dated at Put-in-Bay, September 13, 1813, says that "Lieut. Turner, commanding the *Caledonia*, brought that vessel into action in the most able manner; and is an officer, that in all situations may be relied on."

Such a character, early given to him by his brave and heroic Commander, Perry, he maintained through life. His various naval services to his country, from 1813 to 1850, were distinguished in their performance by signal skill, efficiency and judgment. He was always the man to be depended on, in any difficult emergency. At his death, he ranked the eighteenth on the list of Captains in the United States Navy. He died suddenly at Philadelphia in February, 1850, at the age of 55. His loss was deeply deplored by his friends and his country.

Gentlemen: I place in your hands the portrait of Daniel Turner, late a Captain in the United States Navy, a brave and noble commander, and a distinguished citizen of Newport. I know that you will highly value it. I trust that you will cause it to be placed on our walls by the side of that of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, with whom in life he had the deepest sympathy, and for whose character he ever cherished the sincerest admiration.

NUMBER OF BOOKS.

The number of books by the last annual report was, as it appears by the statement of the Librarian,	23,660
Since added, by purchase,	155
“ “ “ gift,	174
“ “ “ binding pamphlets and periodicals,	5
Total number Sept. 1, 1881,	23,994

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1881, was 38.

The number of books circulated during the same period was 7,833.

And on the following subjects:

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture,	9
2. Arts—Fine,	47
3. Biography,	612
4. Fiction and Juveniles,	4,648
5. Travel, Discovery, &c.,	331
6. History,	562
7. Greek and Latin Classics,	7
8. Law and Politics,	12
9. Literature, Essays, &c.,	443

10. Periodicals,	- - - -	755
11. Philosophy, Mental and Moral,	- - .	29
12. Poetry and Drama,	- - -	205
13. Science,	- - - -	96
14. Theology and Ecclesiastical History,		77

We repeat, it must not be inferred that the number of books circulated gives the extent of the use of the contents of the Library. Our spacious halls and quiet nooks invite the student, who has some special work in progress. And they are no less attractive to the temporary subscriber, who longs to luxuriate over the latest magazines. It is quite likely to be true, that as many volumes are read or consulted within the Library as are taken away for perusal. Its rich literary treasures are for consultation quite as much as for circulation.

FINANCES.

The accurate report of the Treasurer, hereto appended, exhibits the operations of his department during the past year, and the character of the investment of funds belonging to the institution. It must be borne in mind that a Library organized like our own is not a money-breeder, but an absorbent of that vital element of prosperity. The income of the company applicable to general purposes, that is, for maintaining and conducting the Library, is about sixteen hundred dollars for a year; a very inadequate sum for the proper management of our very valuable property. For this reason, a year ago the Directors and Company both voted that it was expedient to create a fund by voluntary contribution, to be designated "The special fund for general

purposes," the income thereof to be exclusively devoted to the payment of the cost of "running the machine;" that is, for the payment of the salaries of the Librarian and his assistant, for labor, gas, fuel, repairs, insurance, and other incidental and unavoidable expenses. The necessity of such a fund becomes day by day more obvious and imperative. If this fact could be earnestly brought to the knowledge of those who are interested in the prosperity of Newport, it is believed they would cheerfully contribute to the proposed fund, and thus place the Redwood Library in an independent position, and relieve its managers from any future appeal to the liberality of the public.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

NEWPORT, R. I., September 28, 1881.

APPENDIX.

OBITUARIES.

Resolutions on the death of Mr. Benjamin H. Rhoades.
Passed Dec. 24, 1880.

Resolved, That in the death of the late Benjamin H. Rhoades, Esq., we deplore the loss in our community of the modest Christian, the true gentleman and the refined scholar.

Resolved, That his modest and unassuming nature shed a grace over his intellect, which last, indeed, was equal to all occasions in his calling.

Resolved, That his presence will be especially missed as our Librarian, for which his University education prepared him, and to which his later studies tended to perfect him according to an ideal model in his own mind.

Resolved, That we will attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to his family with an expression of our deepest sympathy in their severe affliction.

Resolved, That the Library be closed till after the funeral.

IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

The air seemed hushed by some sweet spell—
 Faint tones of Christmas bells drew near—
 When suddenly a mournful knell
 Smote harshly on my startled ear.

In dull vibrations, wave on wave,
 The tones funereal seemed to roll;
 I felt the opening of a grave—
 The requiem of a parting soul.

Could I believe the words they said?
 Was it not all a dream—no more?
 That thou, O noble friend! wast dead—
 That all thy work on earth was o'er?

My heart within me sank—the hum
 Of those aerial bells was drowned;
 The heavens above grew dark and dumb,
 And lone and drear seemed all around.

I stood within those walls where thou
 Long years in faithful toil hadst spent;
 How still and sad and lonely now!
 It seemed thy empty monument.

But, as I wandered forth again,
 And mused upon departed worth,
 I seemed to hear a solemn strain
 That bore my soul above the earth.

The strength of God had made me strong.
 Upborne, as by a heavenly breath,
 I heard again the angel's song—
 Of Love triumphant over death.

The Christmas bells pealed forth once more
 Their testal music, sweet and clear,
 But tenderer, holier than before
 As borne from some supernal sphere.

A voice from Heaven within me said:
 "Hear what the Eternal Spirit saith:
 God is the God not of the dead—
 Who dwell in Him can know no death.

And didst not thou in God abide,
 O brother! while a pilgrim here?
 By toil and care and sorrow tried,
 Thou hadst a Rock of Refuge near.

Thine was a lowly, tranquil mind,
 With worldly passion undefiled,
 A spirit patient, meek and kind,
 The spirit of a guileless child.

To do thy heavenly master's will—
 That mark thy youth kept well in sight;
 To life's last hour thy aim was still
 To seek the truth and do the right.

For all who wore the human form
 Thou hadst a brother's tender tone;
 Thy soul, with generous impulse warm,
 Felt each one's sorrows as its own.

Ye sorrowing hearts, O hear the voice
 That whispers comfort from the skies,
 And in that Sun of Love rejoice
 That dries the weeping mourner's eyes.

O brother! while thy form we lay
 To mingle with its native dust,
 We lift our thoughts to heaven and say:
 Blest is the memory of the just!

Though thy pale frame must mouldering lie,
 Where earth to earth in trust is given,
 The spirit soars to life on high—
 Thy Christmas morning dawns in Heaven!

C. T. B.

Resolutions on the death of Mr. John T. Bush. Passed
 January 7, 1881.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. John T. Bush,
 while in common with our whole community we deplore
 the loss of a fellow citizen of rare uprightness, generosity
 and public spirit, as members of this institution and of its
 Board of Directors we shall sadly miss the presence of
 a wise counsellor, an efficient worker and a valued friend.

Resolved, That the tender sympathies of this Board are
 respectfully extended to the family of our departed asso-

ciate, with the assurance of our grateful sense of his long and faithful service, his eminent worth and his stimulating example.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late brother, and that as a body we will attend his funeral.

Resolutions on the death of Dr. S. W. Butler. Passed April 9, 1881.

WHEREAS, We are again called to bow to the will of the Supreme Disposer in removing from our earthly society another esteemed and valuable associate, Dr. Samuel W. Butler.

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Butler, while in common with our whole community we mourn the loss of a kindly and faithful physician, a courteous Christian gentleman and a citizen who for a generation had been ardently devoted to the social and educational interests of our city, as members and Directors of this institution, we shall sorely miss the countenance and co-operation of one who for many years has been in word and work an assiduous officer and friend of the Library, and has left a memory which will ever temper our sorrow over his loss with gratitude for his service and example.

Resolved, That our sincere sympathy is respectfully tendered to the family of our late associate.

Resolved, That this Board will attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That the library be closed for the day.

Resolutions on the the death of Joseph J. Cooke, Esq.

At a regular meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum held at the Library on Monday, July 11, 1881, the following resolutions, offered by Dr. David King, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association receives the intelligence of the death of Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., at his residence at Elmwood, with the deepest regret, as involving the loss of an accomplished and valuable member.

Resolved, That during the several past years of his citizenship in Newport this association has received marked benefit from his wise counsel, and his large, liberal and practical views bearing on subjects connected with the interests of the institution.

Resolved, That some of the most valuable works on our shelves will remain to attest his literary taste and his sterling interest in the great object of our association.

Resolved, That his numerous and important benefactions to our Library have impressed us with a grateful sense of the liberality and generosity that characterized his mind.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on our records, published in the public print, and transmitted to the family of Mr. Cooke.

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and found them correct.

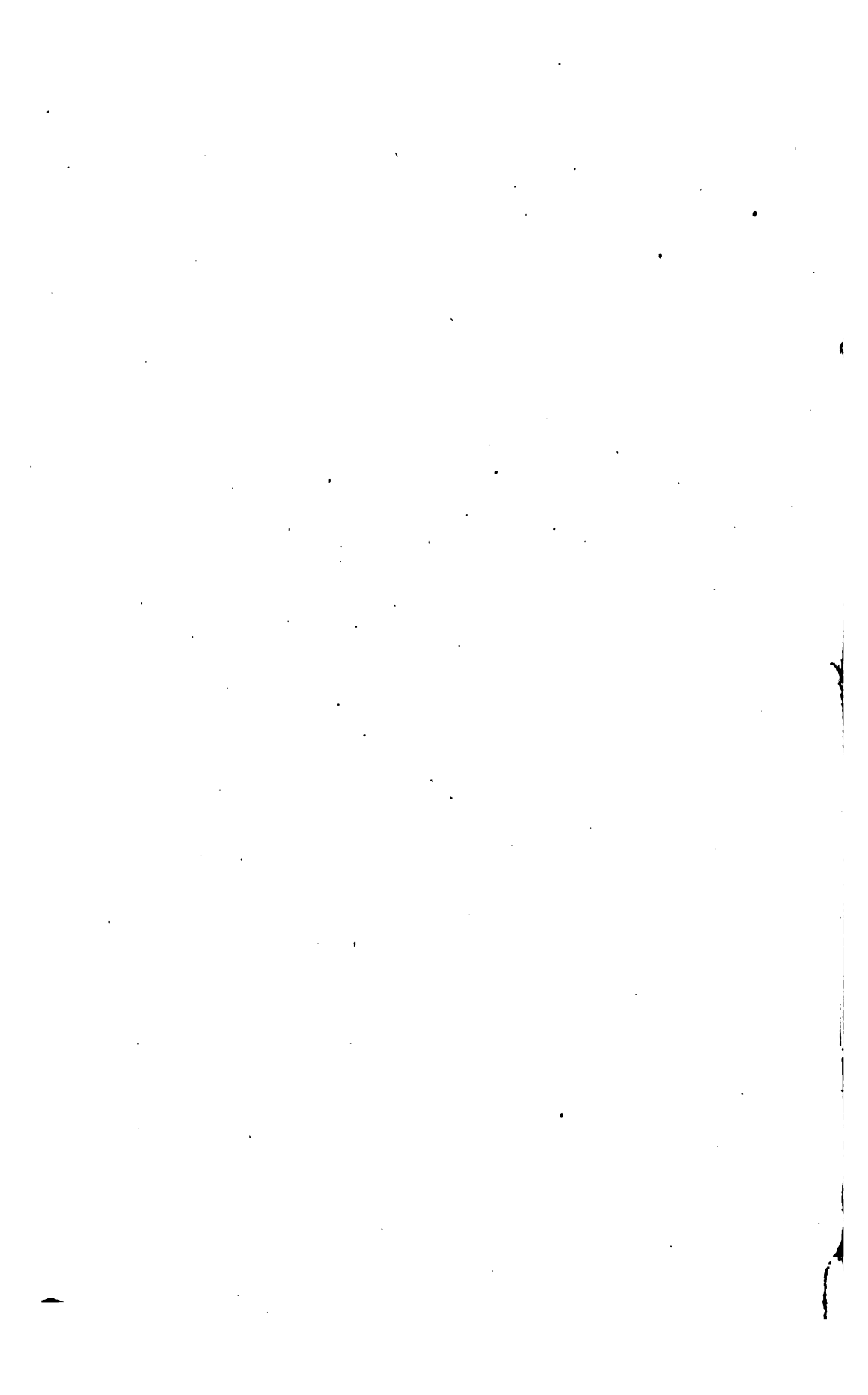
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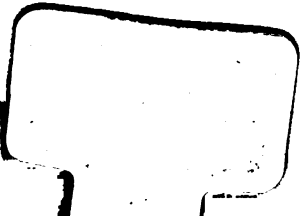
GIFTS

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities
during the year :

Adlam, Mrs. Samuel, 1 portrait, framed.	Hunter, Hon. William, Washington, 2 vols.
American Colonization Society, Washington, 4 pphs.	Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 1 pph.
American Congregational Associa- tion, 1 pph.	Lawrence, Mass., Public Library, 2 pphs.
Arnold, James N., 1 vol.	Library Co. of Phila., 1 pph.
Astor Library, New York, 1 pph.	Martin, Joseph H., Atlanta, 1 vol.
Bigelow, Mrs. J. W., 1 vol.	Mason, Dr. J. J., 13 Scientific Plates. Mass. Historical Society, 1 pph.
Binney, C. J. F., Boston, 1 pph.	Mauran, James E., 2 vols.
Boston Public Library, 1 pph., Bulle- tin continued.	Narragansett Weekly, continued.
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, 1 pph., Publisher's Weekly continued.	New Jerusalem Messenger, continued.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 2 vols., 1 pph.	Newport, City of, 2 vols.
Bullock, Alex. H., Boston, 1 pph.	Newton, Mass. Free Library, 1 pph.
Calvert, Hon. George H., Popular Science Monthly, 2 newspapers continued.	Padelford, Miss M. L., Prov., 1 vol.
Chamber of Commerce, New York, 1 vol.	Patent Office, Official Gazette, con- tinued.
Chicago Public Library, 1 pph.	Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
Cobden Club, London, England, 1 pph.	Peckham, C. B., 9 vols.
Cooke, Joseph J., Prov., 16 vols.	Prov. Public Library, 1 pph.
Dale, T. Nelson, 1 pph.	Religio-Scientific Journal, continued.
Fall River Public Library, 1 pph.	Rhoades, Mrs. Benjamin H., 1 pho- tograph.
Gibbs, Hon. F. A., San Francisco, 1 vol.	R. I., State of, per Hon. J. M. Adde- man, 4 vols.
Green, Samuel A., Boston, 1 vol.	Rogers, Mrs. De Wolf, Bristol, 1 copy Newport Mercury, framed.
Greenough, Mrs. Richard, 1 vol.	Rosengarten, J. G., Phila., 4 pphs.
Hall, Mrs. Emily A., Prov., 1 vol.	Silliman, Augustus E., Babylon, N. Y., 1 vol.
Hart, Charles Henry, Phila., 1 pph.	Smithsonian Institution, Washing- ton, 5 vols., 1 pph.
Hartford Library Asso., 1 pph.	Taylor, Rear Admiral Wm. Rodgers, 1 vol.
Hazard, Hon. Rowland, 1 vol.	Turner, Miss Sarah F., 1 large por- trait, framed:
Home Journal, continued.	

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| Underhill, J. W., Cincinnati, 1 pph. | U. S. Treasury Department, 1 vol. |
| Unitarian Asso., Boston, Review continued. | U. S. War Department, 3 vols. |
| U. S., Hon. A. E. Burnside, 15 vols., 8 pphs. | Wales, Geo. W., Boston, 2 marble busts, 1 vol. |
| U. S. Bureau of Education, 1 vol., 3 pphs. | Wharton, Mrs. D. F., Phila., 1 vol. |
| U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol. | Winthrop, Hon. R. C., 1 pph. |
| U. S. Interior Department, 42 vols. | Woburn, Mass., Public Library, 2 pphs. |
| U. S. Naval Department, 4 vols., 1 pph. | Woman's Journal, continued. |
| | Worcester Public Library, 1 pph. |





ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1882.

NEWPORT:
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1883.

OFFICERS
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,
1882-1883.

PRESIDENT:

JAMES E. MAURAN.

VICE PRESIDENT:

CHARLES T. BROOKS.

DIRECTORS:

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	GEORGE C. MASON,
HENRY H. FAY,	JAMES E. MAURAN,
GEORGE W. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
DAVID KING,	HENRY E. TURNER,
LEROY KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
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SETH W. MACY,	GEORGE W. WALES,
GEORGE F. CRANDALL,	GEORGE G. KING.

TREASURER:

JOB. T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

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H. E. ARMINGTON, JR., Assistant.

Gift
Richmond Library and Others
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Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

CHARLES T. BROOKS,
WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE G. KING,
P. W. TILTON.

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
GEORGE F. CRANDALL,

JOB T. LANGLEY,
SETH W. MACY,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

On Pictures and Statuary.

HENRY H. FAY,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,
GEORGE W. WALES.

On Auditing Accounts.

GEORGE F. CRANDALL,

WILLIAM GILPIN.

On Repairs.

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,

GEORGE C. MASON,
SETH W. MACY.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

CHAS. C. VAN ZANDT.

On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,

DAVID KING.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1882.

The Annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 1882, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Rev. C. T. Brooks, in the absence of the President, the Hon. Francis Brinley on account of illness, and the company proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present. There were present forty-nine proprietors and fifty-two were represented by proxies.

The records of the last annual meeting held Sept. 28th, 1881 were read and approved. The following members were elected as a committee to examine and report on

proxies: Mr. George C. Mason and Mr. George W. Wales. The Chair then announced that the Hon. Francis Brinley had declined to be again elected as President of the Society. The following resolutions were then passed unanimously by the proprietors:

Resolutions of Respect and Gratitude to Hon. Francis Brinley.

Resolved: That while we find ourselves compelled to accept the resignation of our honored President, it is with extreme reluctance and sincere regret that we bid this farewell, in his official capacity, to one who during his term of seven years has with such eminent conscientiousness and ability administered the affairs of this Institution, instant in season and out of season, with a zeal and ardor which the physical deprivation of later years had, if possible, rather increased than impaired; who with such uniform urbanity and grace has presided over our deliberations, and on all occasions with such earnestness and eloquence advocated the claims of the Library to public regard.

Resolved: That the memory of these services and of his personal kindness will ever be gratefully cherished by us, and we trust that this assurance may add one more to the many rays of light that cheer him in his outward darkness, and we close with heartfelt wishes for his health and happiness.

The committee on proxies then reported and the Rev. Charles T. Brooks was unanimously chosen President of the Company. Mr. Brooks declined the office.

The following gentlemen were then chosen officers for the year ensuing:

JAMES E. MAURAN, *President.*

CHARLES T. BROOKS, *Vice President.*

DIRECTORS.

William H. Ashhurst,	Henry G. Marquand
William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	James E. Mauran,

George W. Gibbs,
 William Gilpin,
 David King,
 LeRoy King,
 Job T. Langley,
 Seth W. Macy,
 George F. Crandall,

William P. Sheffield,
 Frederic W. Tilton,
 Henry E. Turner,
 Hamilton B. Tompkins.
 Charles C. Van Zandt.
 George W. Wales,
 George Gordon King.

JOB T. LANGLEY, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., *Secretary.*

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company :

William P. Buffum, Mrs. S. V. R. Thayer,
 Sarah B. Davis, Thomas I. Wharton,
 Stephen B. Luce, Trustee of estate of E. L. Brinley,
 William J. Underwood.

The Treasurer's report was then read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. George W. Wales gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would offer an amendment to the constitution reducing the number of directors to fifteen.

The annual report of the Directors to the Company by the President, Hon. Francis Brinley was read, accepted and ordered printed.

It was then voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the charter be assessed on each proprietor of a twenty-five dollar share.

Messrs Charles E. Hammett, Jr., George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a committee to audit the treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

It was voted that the Charter and By-Laws be printed with the annual report and its appendices.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR., *Secretary*

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1882.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum having requested me, as president, to prepare the Annual Report required by the charter, I respectfully submit a report for the year ending September 27, 1882.

THE LIBRARY.

Changes in the arrangement of the contents of the different apartments of the Library, and a partial classification of the books have been made, improving its general appearance, and making it comparatively easy to find any desired volume.

These improvements are mainly due to a vote by the Directors on the 18th of October, 1881; "That James E. Mauran be appointed a committee to assist the President in the general supervision of the property of the Library Corporation."

Mr. Mauran has very faithfully attended to that duty, as will be seen on reference to his report hereto appended. At the same meeting of the Directors it was also resolved "that Dr. King and James E. Mauran be a committee to proceed with the preparation of the catalogue of the Library in whatever manner commends itself to their judgment."

A scientific Catalogue would be a difficult and costly undertaking. Our late associate, the lamented Dr. David King, entertained views in regard to the preparation of a catalogue, which, had he lived, he would undoubtedly have carried out. Under existing circumstances, all that Mr. Mauran could undertake was to cause a copy of the last printed catalogue to be interleaved, and to insert the titles of such volumes as have been received since that catalogue was printed in 1860.

There have been four catalogues printed at different times. The first was prepared by Elnathan Hammond, and was printed in Newport in 1764. The second was prepared by Robert Rogers in 1816. The third was printed in 1843. A portion of the fourth was prepared by Benjamin G. Thurston in 1858, and the remainder by our late librarian, Benjamin H. Rhoades. A very few copies of this catalogue are now in possession of the Library. The number of books at that time was 9504.

The number of books by the last annual report was 23,994

Since added by purchase,	168
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Since added by gift,	198
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Since added by binding pamphlets and periodicals,	110
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Total number, Sept. 1, 1882,	24,470
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The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1882, was	151
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The number of books circulated during the same period was	9384
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And on the following subjects:

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture,	49
2. Arts—Fine,	62
3. Biography,	634
4. Fiction and Juveniles,	5282
5. Travel, Discovery, &c.,	456
6. History.	703
7. Greek and Latin Classics,	38

8. Law and Politics,	40
9. Literature, Essays, &c., . . .	562
10. Periodicals,	929
11. Philosophy, Mental and Moral, . .	34
12. Poetry and Drama,	286
13. Science,	181
14. Theology and Ecclesiastical History, .	133

DONATIONS.

As usual we are indebted to many friends for valuable books. A list of the donors of these and other gifts may be found in the appendix. Among the most valuable is a large and elegantly printed Folio of the Colonial Acts of Georgia, given by Mrs. Mary De Renne, of Savannah, Georgia. Also, "a Memorial of Henry Wolcott, one of the early settlers of Windsor, Conn.," an elegant quarto volume, richly illustrated, presented by Samuel Wolcott, Esq. From Mrs. T. G. Ford we have received a collection of books of the value of \$100, and from her sister, Miss Maria Anderson, the sum of \$100 for the purpose of binding 100 volumes of periodicals. It is proper here to insert a copy of a letter from Mr. Wm. G. Weld.

Newport, July 8, 1882.

DEAR SIR:

In consequence of a want felt for more books of the day for light reading than can be had at the Redwood Library, Mrs. Wm. F. Weld, of Philadelphia, has requested me to forward you a check for one thousand dollars, of which the income only is to be invested in new books from time to time, keeping it in your accounts as the "Wm. F. Weld Fund", as more may some time be added to it.

Yours Truly,

WM. G. WELD.

If you would prefer a good R. R. first mortgage bond at par, bearing six per cent, say about twenty years to run, I will furnish it."

To this letter the following answers were returned:

"DEAR SIR:

At a regular meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library, the Treasurer presented your letter of July 8th, to him, in which you state that Mrs. Wm. F. Weld, of Philadelphia proposes to give one thousand dollars to the Library. Whereupon it was voted that the President express to Mrs. Weld their grateful acknowledgement for her thoughtful liberality. That duty I shall perform with very great pleasure. The opinion of the Directors was that it was best to comply with your suggestion, that they receive such a R. R. first mortgage bond as you described, rather than a check, as it would be a good investment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY.

MY DEAR MADAM:

At a regular meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library held this afternoon, it was announced that you very kindly propose to present the liberal sum of one thousand dollars, the income of which should be devoted to the purchase of "books of the day of light reading." It was therefore unanimously voted that the President communicate to Mrs. Weld their high appreciation of her generous donation, and that it be kept and called as "the Wm. F. Weld book fund" forever.

Permit me dear Madam to express my personal gratification in presenting to you the vote of the Directors of the Institution over which I have the honor to preside.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY."

DR. DAVID KING.

Our experienced and most useful director and past President died on March 7th, 1882. He was present at our last annual meeting, and took part in its proceedings. Soon after he complained of sickness, and for many weeks there were alternating periods of hope and apprehension among his friends. He was taken from our midst at length.

Dr. King's love for Newport was genuine and fervent, for it was the place of his nativity, and where he had attained distinction as a wise and skillful physician. He testified his regard for its interests and institutions by bequests in his last will for the Redwood Library, the Newport Artillery Co., and the Newport Historical Society. On receiving intelligence of his death, there was a special meeting of the Directors, at which appropriate resolutions were passed, to be found in the appendix, together with an obituary notice in the Newport News, by the Hon. W. P. Sheffield, which may also be found in the appendix.

On the eighth day of last July, a letter was received from David King, executor, and Mrs. Sarah Gibbs King, executrix of the last will of Dr. King. Alas, that it is our sad duty to record that since the receipt of that communication, the honored wife has also "been laid away for immortality."

Communication from the Executrix and Executor of the Will of the late Dr. David King :

Newport, June 29th, 1882.

To the President and the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport :

GENTLEMEN—

The first clause of the Will of the late David King, is as follows:

"I give and bequeath to the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport such books, medical, classical, etc. in my private library, as I shall designate, upon condition that the said books shall be kept together, and so that it may be distinguished from other books in the said Redwood Library, and be known as the King Collection, and be preserved as a memorial of my late honored father, the late David King, M. D., formerly, from 1799 to 1836, a faithful physician of this city. I also give and bequeath to the said Redwood Library and Athenæum Corporation the sum of two thousand dollars, to be by said corporation safely invested till the whole sum, by the addition of the annual interest to the original bequest, shall amount to four thousand dollars, and then to remain a perpetual fund, the income thereof to be annually applied to the purchase of medical, classical or historical books, to be added by the said corporation to 'the King Collection' herein designated, and in keeping in repair the books embraced in the said collection."

By a codicil to the will of which the above is a copy of the first clause, the following appears of record:

"I hereby so far modify the first clause of my will, made January the fifth, 1876, as to direct the Executrix and Executor of said will to designate the books that shall be given to the Redwood Library to constitute the nucleus of 'the King Collection,' in the Redwood Library."

In the third clause of the will the following appears of record, viz :

"I give the foregoing bequests in the first, second and third clauses to the respectively named associations or companys of Newport, in trust and confidence that they will faithfully carry out my design ; but should any or either of the companys aforesaid refuse the trust desig-

nated to them, or should any or either of them violate the terms or design of said trust designated to them, then I direct my executors or heirs to recover said property by suit or otherwise, as property belonging to my estate, and inheritable by my heirs. Any bequest refused will of course revert to my estate, and be by them distributed according to the provisions of this my last will and testament."

At your convenience will you please advise me if you accept the bequests on the terms named, and if so will you please designate the exact position in the Library building that you will appropriate for "the King Collection." We propose to make the nucleus of the King Collection of books of from six hundred to eight hundred volumes; we are of the opinion that the testator intended that the books forming the collection should always remain in the Library building.

We are very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

SARAH G. KING,	} As Executrix and Executor of the will of the late
DAVID KING,	
	} David King.

Resolution of the Board of Directors, passed July 15, 1882:

WHEREAS, it appears by a communication signed by Sarah G. King, Executrix, and David King, Executor of the last will and testament of David King, M. D., deceased, and a codicil thereto, dated at Newport, June 29, 1882, and directed to the President and the Directors of the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, that said David King "gave and bequeathed" certain books and the sum of two thousand dollars to said Library upon conditions expressed in said will as represented by said communication, therefore

Resolved, That said bequests and trust be received by the Redwood Library upon the terms and conditions therein specified.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to place upon the records the communication from the executrix and executor of the will of the late Dr. King, and the resolutions of the Board of Directors.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit an attested copy of this preamble and resolutions to the executrix and executor of the will of said Dr. David King.

REPAIRS.

On approaching the Library building one misses the old, heavy, wooden, ornate fence which surrounded it. The portion on Bellevue avenue was so decayed that it could not be repaired, and was removed. A portion of it on Redwood street, as far as the iron gate, was overthrown by the wind, and that also has been taken away. As many persons are of the opinion that the disappearance of the fence is an improvement, and as there are no means at the disposal of the directors for a new one of any description, it was thought best to defer further consideration of the matter until after the annual meeting.

The report of Mr. Mauran will show that many necessary, but not conspicuous, repairs have been made by him for the preservation of the building and the books.

The Treasurer's Report will show the condition of the finances of the company; its receipts, its disbursements, and the manner in which its funds are invested.

Two years ago both the directors and the company voted that it was expedient to raise the sum of twenty thousand dollars, the income of which should be devoted to the payment of the general expenses of the Library. Subscriptions to it were to be invalid unless the sum of ten thousand dollars at least was subscribed. It is to be regretted that at the present time the sum of ten thousand dollars has not been raised.

The preparation of this report afforded me an early opportunity to make known through the members of the Board of Directors my desire not to be considered a candidate for re-election as President.

I have been connected officially with the institution for more than a decade—four years as a Director, one year as Vice-President, and at seven successive annual elections have been unanimously chosen President. For these multiplied honors I am most grateful. The memory of the kindness and confidence of the proprietors, and of the courtesy and aid of the directors and the librarians will be deeply engraved on my mind.

On my entering upon the duties of President the library was encumbered and hampered by a heavy debt, growing out of the enlargement of this edifice. From that burthen it has been relieved by friends whose love for the old Redwood Library time had not chilled.

On retiring from office I have the supreme satisfaction of knowing that I leave the institution free from debt. That it may be enabled so to continue must be the ardent desire of every one who recognizes in its origin an interesting event in the literary history of Rhode Island, and who believes that its neglect and consequent decedence would mar the fair fame of Newport.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 29, 1882.

Appendix.

OBITUARIES.

Resolutions on the death of Dr. David King, passed March 7, 1882.

WHEREAS, By the will of the all-wise Father we have been called again to mourn the loss of a singularly beloved and honored associate:

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. David King, while, in common with the whole community, we sorely feel the void left by the taking out of this world of a good physician, an accomplished scholar, a public spirited citizen and a kindly neighbor and christian gentleman—as members and directors of the Redwood Library Company, we shall long miss a wise counsellor, an ardent and indefatigable worker, whose voice and pen, hand and heart, were unweariedly devoted to the interests of this institution, with whose fortunes in dark and in bright days, he had been for so many years identified, and whose name will ever stand high on the roll of its benefactors, and be associated with all our best remembrances of its struggles and successes.

Resolved, That the library be closed on the day of the funeral after 12 o'clock M.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our deceased associate, with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

DEATH OF DAVID KING.

HON. WM. P. SHEFFIELD IN THE NEWPORT [NEWS,
MARCH 8, 1882.

Although not wholly unexpected, the decease of Dr. David King which occurred yesterday afternoon, caused a severe shock to the community. He has been ill some time, but was generally supposed to be improving in health, and many of his friends anticipated his recovery and restoration to the activities of professional life.

His father was a native of Raynham, Mass. He came to Newport in 1800, and entered upon his professional duties the same year. He married the daughter of Gen. George Gordon of the revolutionary army and through his entire life maintained a high reputation as a physician and citizen.

The subject of our sketch was born at the old family home on Pelham street in 1812, and was consequently at the time of his death not far from seventy years of age.

His preparatory education was largely acquired under the instruction of our venerable fellow townsman, Hon. Joseph Joslin, who succeeded John Fraser in the old school-house on Church street, long since destroyed, on the spot where Mr. Augustus G. Greene's residence now stands. He took his degree of A. B. at Brown University in 1831, and was honored with the valedictory, as his

brother, Hon. George G. King, had been previously. He graduated in medicine at Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1834, and his father having died at about that time, immediately entered upon the practice of medicine in Newport. He soon after married Miss Sarah G. Wheaton, daughter of Rev. Salmon Wheaton, who was then rector of Trinity Church, who survives him.

As a Physician, Dr. King had a successful life. Very many of our oldest and most prominent families were numbered among his patrons from the first and continued with him to the end. From all who knew him he received the praise of being a careful, conscientious and diligent practitioner. He was president of the Rhode Island Medical Society for two years, which is understood to be the limit of that service, and was a censor for many years and so remained until his death, having always been very highly regarded and respected by his medical associates.

Dr. King, though diligent in the discharge of his professional duties, took also an interest in other departments and other professions. Very soon after his entering upon his work as a physician the Newport Historical Society was organized and incorporated, largely through his instrumentality, and he became its president to which position he was annually re-elected until his death. During all this time he never lost an opportunity of saving and collecting documentary or other material connected with historical research, notwithstanding the cares of an extensive and laborious professional business were pressing heavily upon him. His collection of local historical data is very large and very valuable.

Dr. King was also for many years president of Redwood Library and Athenæum, and was still a member of its board of directors. The shelves of the library are crowd-

ed with volumes which attest his zeal and judgment in making such selections as have contributed and will contribute very materially to the high reputation which that institution deservedly enjoys. These selections, it may be well to suggest, were made when the financial power of the library was comparatively small and the opportunities limited.

At the same time that Dr. King was intensely interested in preserving the memory of the former importance of Newport, he was equally interested and active in promoting the present and future welfare of its citizens. He took great interest in the management of the beautiful Island cemetery and was for many years its president.

Dr. King was president of the Rhode Island State Board of Health from its organization and had more recently connected himself with the Newport Sanitary Protection Society whose good work in behalf of the city he had come to recognize. He was also a member of the Cincinnati, of the Rhode Island Historical Society and other congenial institutions.

In his religious life Dr. King was strongly attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church in connection with Trinity Parish, in whose affairs he took a deep interest to the last. He was eminently unselfish in his ambitions through all his life, devoting much of his time and labors to questions of public concern, and seeking the prosperity of his native city and the public, even to the sacrifice of his own.

Dr. King leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters.

REPORT OF MR. MAURAN.

The President and Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum :

In compliance with the resolution of the board of directors of the Redwood Library, at the meeting July 10, 1882, I hereby present this paper as a report of work done under my appointment as special committee since October, 1881.

In the first place thanks are due to Mr. William Watts Sherman, of this city, for the gift of two very capacious black walnut book-cases, now placed in the north-east room, and filled with volumes of Congressional debates which take up the whole of that large apartment.

The second of November, when about to repair the gate and wooden fence on Bellevue avenue, it was found to be rotten at the base, and was accordingly removed; a few weeks later a storm overthrew what remained on Redwood street as far as the iron gate, and the grounds were laid open to view. Since spring the grass has been carefully mowed and kept in good condition. The cellar was overflowed with water caused by defective pipes; the plumber's work has been put in order and the floor made dry. The leaders and gutters on both old and new buildings were also made tight. An air-trunk and tin pipes for the furnace, which were decayed and rendered useless by rust, have been removed. At same time the window panes

were washed, and the 19th of June the cords of the sashes were all renewed with the best material. Most of the chairs were broken and over two dozen had to be repaired and reseatd. A new flag staff was set up and the flag unfurled Fourth of July last.

Quite a number of pamphlets were gathered from all parts of the library. These, through the kindly aid of Mr. John B. Newton, were assorted and placed in their appropriate departments. Those of no value were with other stuff, sold, and brought \$8.94. This sum, with \$50 received for rent of ground in rear of building, was paid over to Mr. Job T. Langley, the treasurer. An attempt has been made to better the appearance of the books, of which the greater part are sadly in need of binding. Miss Maria Anderson has generously given the sum of \$100 for the purpose of binding over 100 volumes of periodicals. In preparing those of scientific subjects, the advice and labor of Mr. T. Nelson Dale have been of great service. Mrs. Ford has also donated the institution with an excellent selection of new books of the value of \$100. The busts have been dusted and the shelves and books have been through the same process. The paintings have also been cleaned and placed in a better light, and the gallery rendered more attractive by the loan from Mrs. Dr. Sands of a copy by Wall of Cristafora Allaris' Judith with the head of Holifernes.

In the centre of the large hall stands a fine marble statue of "Grief," recently placed there by the sculptor, Richard H. Greenough.

The following should be considered the most important portion of this report. In no department of the library is there noticed so great an increase as in that of American history. Most of the works relating to it are valuable, so much so as to warrant their being kept in a room

reserved especially for their preservation, protected by a gate and furnished with a study table.

I know of no similar institution that is so courteous in exposing the contents of its alcoves to the inspection and handling of absolute strangers. These recesses should be enclosed by a substantial railing, no one to go inside except members of the society. It is offering a great temptation to literary purloiners. Visitors often express surprise at this mistaken liberality, which is allowed nowhere else. It is to be apprehended at the completion of the catalogue there will be shown the absence and loss of many a valuable work. It is not encouraging to donors of rare and expensive volumes to see their gifts treated with neglect and seeming indifference.

By the attention and zeal of Mr. Risbrough, H. Tilley and others, numerous gaps in certain series of publications have been found to exist, most of which have been filled by purchase.

In conclusion allow me to state, that although the cost of the above mentioned improvements so far is over \$250, the Redwood Library has not been called on for a single cent, the expense being defrayed by certain persons whose names shall hereafter be published.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES EDDY MAURAN.

Newport, Aug. 14, 1882.

Dr.

Redwood Library and Athenæum in account with Job T. Langley, Treasurer.

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(A recapitulation of detailed accounts.)

1882.		1881.	
Sept. 11, To Cash Payments for Book Account,	\$ 612.57	Sept. 13, By balance of old account,	\$ 94.36
" " " " Expense Account,	281.50	1882.	
" " " " Salaries,	1,041.67	Sept. 11, Received for 182 Taxes,	\$910.00
" " " Deposited in Savings Bank for Gen. Cur. Exp. Fund,	2,602.18	" " " Subscription,	299.00
" " " Cash Paid for 2 First Mort. R. R. Bonds,	2,000.00	" " " from J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	225.00
" " " Balance credited new account,	253.59	" " " W. S. Rogers "	180.00
		" " " George G. King "	45.00
		" " " Robert Rogers "	40.00
		" " " Mrs. Wm. F. Weld, donation for	490.00
		" " " the Wm. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " Int. from the Special Share Fund,	267.03
		" " " for One Share Stock Sold,	25.00
		" " " Int. on U. S. Bond, Littlefield Fund,	45.00
		" " " of J. E. Mauran for rent of lot & old papers,	58.94
		" " " for Donations for Gen. Cur. Exp. Fund,	2,550.00
		" " " Dividends from Savings Bank, Gen.	52.18
		" " " Cur. Exp. Fund,	\$6,791.51
		Sept. 11, By Balance of old account,	253.59
		MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.	
		" " 1 U. S. 4½ per cent. Bond, Littlefield Fund,	\$1,000.00
		" " Deposit in Savings Bank, G. G. King Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " " W. S. Rogers "	4,000.00
		" " " " Robt. Rogers Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " " J. Carter Brown "	5,000.00
		" " 1 Bond No. 3475, Atchinson, Colorado & Pacific R. R. Co., at 6 per cent., Wm. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
		" " Deposit in Savings Bank, Special Share Fund,	5,934.56
		" " " " Gen. Cur. Exp. "	2,902.18
		" " 1 Bond, Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. Co., at 7 per cent., Gen. Cur. Exp. Fund,	1,000.00
			\$22,836.74
		Newport, R. I., Sept. 11, 1882.	E. E. JOB T. LANGLEY, Treas.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job. T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and found them correct.

CHAR. E. HAMMETT, JR.,
J. H. COZZENS,
GEO. F. CRANDALL,

Auditing Committee.

GIFTS.

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities during the year :

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| Addeman, Hon. J. M., Prov., 1 vol. | Bush, Mrs. John T., Christian Register, continued. |
| Almon, Mrs. Mary Wolcott, 1 vol. | Calvert, Hon. George H., Popular Science Monthly, continued. |
| American Colonization Society, Washington, 5 pphs. | Chamber of Commerce, N. Y., 1 vol. |
| American Unitarian Association, Boston, 2 vols. | Chicago Public Library, 1 pph. |
| Angell, James B., Pres. University of Michigan, 1 pph. | Cincinnati Board of Education, 1 vol. |
| Archæological Institute of America, 2 pphs. | Cincinnati Public Library, 1 pph. |
| Arnold, James N., Hamilton, R. I., Narragansett Historical Register, continued. | Clarke, Chaplain, U. S. S. New Hampshire, 1 vol. |
| Astor Library, New York, 1 pph. | Clarke, Thomas H., Supt. of Public Schools, 2 vols. |
| Baltimore, Md., Mayor and City Council of, 1 vol. | Clymer, Mrs., 1 vol., numerous pphs. |
| Bancroft, Hon. George, English Newspapers and Periodicals. | Cobden Club, London, England, 2 vols., 9 pphs. |
| Boston Athenæum, 1 vol. | Cornell University, 1 vol. |
| Boston Public Library, 5 pphs. Bulletin continued. | Cornwall, Mrs. Sarah J., New York, 1 vol. |
| Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, 1 pph. | Cox, Hon. W. R., North Carolina, 2 pphs. |
| Brinley, Francis, 1 pph. | De Peyster, Gen. John Watts, New York, 6 vols., 17 pphs. |
| Brinton, Daniel G., Phila., 2 pphs. | De Renne, Mrs. Mary, Savannah, Ga., 1 vol. |
| Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 6 vols., 8 pphs., Publishers Weekly, continued. | Drowne, Henry T., N. Y., 1 pph. |
| Buck, Richard T., Millbury, Mass., Worcester Daily Spy, continued. | Ellery, Harrison, Boston, 1 chart. |
| | Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., 5 pphs. |

- Foster, John, Boston, 1 vol.
 Fox, Capt. G. V., Washington, 1 vol.
 Francis, Dr. Samuel W., 3 vols.
 Friend's Free Library, Germantown, Pa., 1 pph.
 Gerhard, Wm. Paul, 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Hon. F. A., San Francisco, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Theodore K., 1 vol.
 Gilbert, Frank, 1 vol.
 Green, Hon. S. A., Mayor of Boston, 2 vols. 10 pphs.
 Groton Heights Centennial Committee, 1 vol.
 Hall, Mrs. Emily A., Prov., 1 vol., 12 pphs.
 Handy, Annie E. and Mary C., 1 vol.
 Harlan, Dr. Caleb, Wilmington, Del., 1 vol.
 Harvard College, 1 pph.
 Hazard, Thomas R., 1 vol.
 Holman, Thomas, Portsmouth, R. I., Spearine Fossil Fern.
 Hunter, Hon. William, Washington, 5 vols.
 Hurd, John C., 1 vol.
 Jones, Hon. Horatio Gates, Phila., 17 vols.
 Kœhler, S. R. New York, 1 pph.
 Lawrence, Isaac, 1 pph.
 Lawrence, Mass., Public Library, 3 pphs.
 Library Company of Phila., 2 pphs.
 Locker, Frederick, London, England, 1 vol.
 Long Island Historical Society, 2 pphs.
 Maculler, Parker & Co., Boston, 1 vol.
 Martin, Henry, Buffalo, N. Y. 1 pph.
 Mass. Institute of Technology, 1 pph.
 Mass. State Board of Agriculture, 2 pphs.
 Mauran, James E., 2 pphs.
 Meacantile Library Association, N. Y., 1 pph.
 Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, 1 pph.
 Meuris, Thomas, 1 pph.
 Moore, Rev. Wm. H., Hempstead, L. I., 1 vol.
 Morley, Frederick, 1 vol.
 Mott, Thomas, 1 vol.
 Myers, T. Bailey, New York, 1 pph.
 New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1 pph.
 New York City Mission and Tract Society, 1 pph.
 Newport, City of, per Wm. G. Stevens, City Clerk, 2 vols.
 Newton, Mass., Free Library, 1 pph.
 Ohio Mechanics' Institute, 2 pphs.
 Osgood, Samuel, 1 pph.
 Parkhurst, Rev. C. H., 1 pph.
 Peabody Education Fund, Trustees of, 1 vol.
 Peabody Institute, Baltimore, 1 pph.
 Peckham, Charles B., 3 vols.
 Perkins Institute, Boston, 1 pph.
 Philadelphia, Friend, A. 4 vols.
 Poole, Wm. F., Chicago, 1 pph.
 Pray, Harley W., 1 vol.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Providence, City of, per E. S. Rhodes, City Messenger, 8 vols.,
 Providence Public Library, 1 pph.
 Q. P. Index, Publishers of, 1 vol.
 Religio-Philosophical Journal, continued.
 Rhode Island Board of State Charities and Corrections, 1 pph.
 Rhode Island Historical Society, 1 pph.

Rhode Island Hospital, Trustees of, 1 pph.	U. S., per Hon. Henry B. Anthony, 1 vol., 1 pph.
Rhode Island, State of, per Hon. J. M. Addeman, 3 vols. 2 pphs.	U. S. Bureau of Education, 1 vol., 5 pphs.
Roosa, Dr. Daniel B., St. John, 1 vol.	U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 2 vols.
Rosengarten, J. G., Phila., 6 pphs.	U. S. Engineer Department, 2 vols.
St. Louis Mercantile Library, 1 pph.	U. S. Interior Department, 69 vols., 2 pphs.
St. Louis Public School Library, 3 pphs.	U. S. Naval Department, 1 vol.
Sanford, Samuel, Portsmouth, R. I., 3 pphs.	U. S. State Department, 5 vols. 1 pph.
Schermerhorn, E. H., English Periodicals.	U. S. Treasury Department, 1 vol.
Sheldon, Frederic, 1 vol.	U. S. War Department, 7 vols., 1 pph., 7 maps.
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, 3 vols.	Wales, G. W., Boston, 1 vol., 1 pph.
Stockwell, Thomas B., State Commissioner of Public Schools, 1 vol.	Watson, Dr. W. Argyle, 1 pph.
Taunton, Mass., Public Library, 2 pphs.	Wheildon, Wm. W., Concord, Mass., 5 pphs.
Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass., 1 pph.	Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 1 vol., 1 pph.
Tilton, Miss Grace, 1 vol.	Woburn, Mass., Public Library, 1 pph.
Tompkins, Hamilton B., 1 pph.	Wolcott, Samuel, 1 vol.
U. S., per Hon. Nelson W. Aldrich, 3 vols.	Woolsey, Miss Sarah, 1 vol.
	Worcester, Mass., Public Library, 1 pph.
	Yale College, 1 pph.

CHARTER.

COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven :

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible; to which end James Honyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning; which they have accordingly done, &c. : whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Com-

pany do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well-governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other

times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport; due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues, as also all the business and affairs, of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor,

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary.*

THE CHARTER AS AMENDED IN 1856.

An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company ; viz:—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company,

at the Library-room, on the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors; or upon request, made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the

Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14.—*The President.*—He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meet-

ings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary ; and shall himself be a director *ex officio*.

ART. 15—*The Directors*.—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint ; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regulations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for ; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove ; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company ; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past

year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines, or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary.*—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the Company; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

Art. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT
THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1861.

AN Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the board of Directors..

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT
THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1867.

An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the proceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Library and Reading-room shall be kept open on such days and at such hours as the Directors may designate.

2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the name of the Library; and, if presented, shall have inscribed in them the names of the givers, unless otherwise requested.

3. Each person entitled to the privileges of the Library shall be allowed to take out any two volumes at a time: which may be kept, if a folio or quarto, for four weeks; if an octavo or a duodecimo, for two weeks; and if a pamphlet, for one week. Of a set of books, he may take, at any time, two volumes; the latter of which, he may retain for the whole time which would have been allowed for both, had they been taken separately.

4. If any person shall detain a book over the time allowed, he shall pay, as a fine, five cents for every day's detention of such book; and, if it shall not be returned within twenty days after demand made in writing therefor by the Librarian, he shall pay the value of the book, or of the set to which it belongs,—the value to be estimated by the Directors.

5. Any person who shall soil or damage or lose a book belonging to the Library shall be liable to such fine as

tions as the property of the Institution, but without devolving any responsibility on the Company.

20. Under the foregoing Regulations, any persons (though not stockholders) having a temporary residence in the city, with the consent of the Directors, may have the use of the Library and Reading-room by paying therefor five dollars, in advance, for the season, and depositing with the Librarian twenty dollars ; which deposit shall be restored on the return of all books taken out, and the payment of any fines which have been incurred by the depositor. The Directors, however, in their discretion, may dispense with the deposit.

21. All books, when first introduced into the Library, by purchase or gift, shall remain one week on the table before being put into circulation.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
DIRECTORS

—OF THE—
Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,
TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1886.

NEWPORT, R. I.,
F. W. MARSHALL, PRINTER,
1886.



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OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1886-87.

PRESIDENT:

LE ROY KING.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

HENRY H. FAY.

DIRECTORS:

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,

GEORGE W. GIBBS,

WILLIAM GILPIN,

DAVID KING,

GEORGE G. KING,

JOB T. LANGLEY,

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HENRY E. TURNER,

CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT,

GEORGE W. WALES.

TREASURER:

JOB T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors.

ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON,
F. W. TILTON.

ON FINANCE.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
DAVID KING,

HENRY E. TURNER,
JOB T. LANGLEY,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,
GEORGE W. WALES.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM GILPIN,

GEORGE C. MASON.

ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,

GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT,
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

F. W. TILTON,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
—OF THE—
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, A. D. 1886.

The one hundred and fifty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 18th, 1886, at three o'clock, p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Henry E. Turner. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. George F. Crandall was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. There being no quorum of the stockholders present it was voted to adjourn to Saturday, August 21st, 1886, at three o'clock, p. m.

GEORGE F. CRANDALL,
Secretary *pro tem*.

The Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum met at the Library on Saturday, August 21st, 1886, at three o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Henry E. Turner, President, called the meeting to order. There was a quorum of the stockholders present, representing in person fifteen votes and by proxy twenty-eight votes.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The President, Dr. Turner, presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Company, together with the Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Sheffield it was voted that the Directors' Report and accompanying documents be received and accepted, and that not exceeding five hundred copies thereof, together with a list of the shareholders of the Company, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary for distribution among the shareholders.

Dr. Henry E. Turner declined a re-election as President and Mr. William Gilpin as Vice President. The following officers were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	Henry H. Fay.

Directors.

Francis Brinley,	George C. Mason,
William A. Clarke,	William P. Sheffield,
George W. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George G. King,	Henry E. Turner,
Job T. Langley,	Charles C. VanZandt,
Henry G. Marquand,	George W. Wales.

<i>Treasurer,</i>	Job T. Langley.
<i>Secretary,</i>	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

The following named persons were elected members of the Corporation : Andrew B. Almon, Arthur B. Emmons, Miss Martha E. Gardner, Anthony M. Kimber, Miss Jeanne S. Ladd, Edward Newton, Raphael Pumpelly, Dr. Francis H. Rankin, Alexander O'D. Taylor.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment. Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, John H. Cozzens and George F. Crandall were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously voted that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to Dr. Henry E. Turner, for the able, efficient and successful manner in which he has conducted the affairs of this Company as its President.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

GENTLEMEN:—The Directors are happy to have it in their power to congratulate you on a condition of our affairs very much more flattering than at their last report.

The improvement has been accomplished through the instrumentality of George Gordon King, Esq., whose generosity manifested itself in furnishing means by which the library buildings have been thoroughly renovated and repaired, and painted both outside and in, and a handsome and substantial iron fence built. Mr. King has also erected a gallery on the west side of the middle hall, capable of containing about 2,000 volumes.

These expenditures Mr. King devoted to the use of the library, as a tribute to the memory of his deceased brother, Alexander Mercer King; and the Directors have deemed it proper and have accordingly given to this gallery the name of the "Alexander Mercer King Memorial Gallery."

The Directors feel that they cannot too warmly express their sense of the obligation under which the Society and its individual members are placed by Mr. King's thoughtful munificence, or too highly praise the public spirit which prompted his action.

Although the funds of the Society have received no increment during the past year, and the resources and expenditures are very nearly equal, still the repairs and improvements described have been a most seasonable relief to the treasury, burdened with the imminent necessity of making large expenditures, beyond its capacity, for the preservation of its property.

We are also indebted to the Hon. George P. Wetmore for a supplementary bookcase in the southwest corner of the east hall, corresponding to the two placed in the same room last year, which increases our capacity for accommodating books by about 1,000 volumes.

Our kind and considerate friend, Mr. Marquand, has contributed materially during this year, as in the past, to our means of binding and rebinding, which is now the most pressing want of the library. The ephemeral binding of the greater part of publications, at this day, and the constantly increasing proportion of periodical literature, will always hereafter make binding a very important feature in the proper preservation of libraries: this reflection is one to which the experience of every individual will induce him to respond.

The Directors are happy to say that the improved condition of the premises has borne its legitimate fruit in the enhanced interest exhibited in the library, in increased attendance of its habitués at the rooms, and in an enlarged subscription list; and its prestige, as the literary centre of Newport life for many generations, is made more salient.

With the occasional contributions which may reasonably be hoped for, and a close attention to economy, the Directors trust that an occasion may not hereafter occur when any direct appeals may be necessary, for the conduct of the establishment in a manner befitting its character and its history, and worthy the highest hopes of its founders.

It is gratifying to note that no losses of books or pictures have occurred during the year.

A large and valuable accession of books has been made during the year, comprising about three thousand volumes,

from the library of the late Judge James Emott, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who in his will made this Society a conditional legatee of his library, as a mark of respect to the memory of his mother, who was a native of this town.

The grandfather of Judge Emott was a colonel in the Continental line of the American army, of prominence and distinction, and at the close of the Revolutionary War became a member of the mercantile firm of Crary, Fry & Bentley, of East Greenwich ; he afterwards settled in Newport, as did his partner Mr. John Fry, and was an influential citizen of this place, where the mother of Judge Emott was born.

The addition of books during the year are as follows, viz :

By gift, 285 volumes ; by purchase, 281 volumes ; by bequest of Judge Emott, 2,846 volumes : making 3,412 volumes, which brings the whole number of volumes now belonging to the library up to 31,620 volumes.

To this may be added for this year, 230 pamphlets.

The Directors take leave to compliment George C. Mason, Esq., on the taste and devotion exercised by him in the execution of the improvements, all of which have been under his direction, and also to commend the excellent condition of the books and other property of the institution, due to the care and diligence of Mr. Bliss, the Librarian.

For further details the Directors refer to the reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.

Respectfully submitted, by

HENRY E. TURNER, President,

For the Directors.

DR. **Redwood Library and Athenæum in account with Job T. Langley, Treasurer.** CR.

1886.	To payments for Book Account,	\$120.48	Aug. 10.	By balance of old account,	\$125.45
"	" " Expense Account,	559.35	1886.	"	"
"	" " Salaries,	1200.00	Aug. 9.	By received for 186 Taxes,	\$930.00
"	" " Mercer Book Fund,	322.35	"	" for Subscriptions,	270.00
"	" " Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	47.62	"	" Fines,	19.55
"	" deposits in Savings Bank of Newport, to the David King Book Fund,	13.58	"	" of Newport Historical Society,	3.00
"	" deposits in Savings Bank of Newport, to the General Current Expense Fund,	259.40	"	" Div'ds of J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	200.00
"	" balance credited New Accounts, viz :	"	"	" W. S. Rogers Book Fund,	160.00
"	Mercer Book Fund,	\$416.23	"	" Robert Rogers Book Fund,	40.00
"	Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	148.44	"	" George G. King Book Fund,	40.00
"	Incidental Account,	183.28	"	" Special Share Fund,	440.00
			"	" General Current Expense Fund,	237.36
			"	" Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	430.40
			"	" Littlefield Fund,	45.00
			"	" David King Book Fund,	13.58
			"	" Donation of H. Marquand for binding books,	274.10
	Less Amount Overdrawn by Book Account,	747.95			
		164.29			
					\$492.44
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The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and find them correct.

J. H. COZENS,
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., } Auditing Committee.
GEO. F. CRANDALL,

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY—

Gentlemen :—I have the honor to submit herewith the fourth annual report of the librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1885-86.

ACCESSIONS.

The steady increase in the number of books added to the library from year to year which was pointed out in the last annual report has, it is gratifying to note, been continued this year. Though the number of books received by donation during the past year is slightly less than that of the previous year, the number added by purchase is considerably more. In addition to the number of books obtained in the ordinary way, the library has received a large and valuable accession in the bequest of the library of the late Judge James Emott of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., referred to in the President's report immediately preceding. As will be seen from the following table the bequest consists of 2,846 volumes, exclusive of thirty-six numbers of unbound magazines. The books arrived at the library on the 11th of June last and were immediately unpacked and the work of classifying and marking them was begun at once, and continued as rapidly as was consistent with attention to the ordinary work of the library, largely increased as this is during the summer season. Although the greater part of

this accession is still unready for circulation the books have been roughly classified in order to exhibit their character, which is shown in the subjoined table. It will there be seen that more than half of this bequest consists of works of history, biography and belles-lettres. These are all standard works in excellent condition—many of them being in fine bindings—and will unquestionably add largely to the resources of the library. In so carefully and judiciously selected a library as Judge Emott's it is of course likely that there will be many works which will duplicate the volumes now on our shelves; but the duplicates will be mainly those which are most needed by our patrons and consequently those most in demand. Until these new books are shelved it will be impossible to tell exactly how many duplicate volumes there may be among them.

No. of volumes in the library, August 15, 1885,	28,092
No. of volumes added by purchase,	298
No. of volumes added by donation,	336
No. of volumes added by Emott bequest,	2,858
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals,	116
Total in the library, August 18, 1886,	31,700
Pamphlets added,	234
Odd numbers of magazines added,	721

CLASSIFICATION OF THE EMOTT BEQUEST.

History,	721
Biography,	441
Religious and Ecclesiastical literature,	175
Description and travel,	149
English literature,	
Collected works and essays,	268
Correspondence and speeches,	45
Poetry and the drama,	126
Fiction,	100

Foreign literature,	47
Greek and Latin classics,	158
Literary history,	15
Philosophy,	30
Art and archæology,	57
Sociology,	35
Medicine,	10
Jurisprudence,	23
Natural science,	20
Philology,	26
Periodicals, (bound)	304
Miscellaneous,	108
Total,	<u>2,858</u>

CIRCULATION.

By a comparison of the circulation of the past year with that of the few preceding years, as shown in the following table, it will be seen that there is a marked falling off in the number of books issued. This decrease, however, is accounted for by the fact that the library was closed for repairs three months last winter. Had the library been open the whole year it is highly probable, judging from the proportionate increase during the other nine months, that the total would have shown an increase in circulation over that of 1884-85. While the closing of the library for the much needed repairs and additions was a temporary disadvantage to our patrons, this disadvantage is more than counterbalanced by the additional shelf-room gained—obviating, to a great extent, the crowding together of books upon the shelves, and allowing a better arrangement of the books by subjects and consequently affording more ready access to the particular books wanted. That the renovation of the interior of the building, making it a much more attractive place for reading and study, has been appreciated by the patrons of the library is fully shown in the marked increase in the number of frequenters of the library, which has been many times greater this year than last.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
Total circulation:	7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833

As regards the extra-mural circulation it will be seen that, as usual, works of fiction enormously outnumber those of any other department; the proportion for nine months of this year being 48.25 per cent. of the whole. The cause which contributes largely to this unusually high percentage was mentioned in the report for the preceding year. In other departments the figures show an actual increase in circulation in works relating to history, belles-lettres and poetry, philosophy and particularly in religious and ecclesiastical literature. Of course this increase may not indicate any actual change in the popular taste, but may be owing mainly to the character of the works purchased in these departments.

Fiction and Juveniles,	3297
Periodicals (bound volumes),	246
Periodicals (numbers),	823
Biography,	571
History,	549
Description and travel,	354
Collected works and essays,	226
Poetry and the drama,	115
Greek and Latin classics,	87
Literary history,	53
Religious and Ecclesiastical history,	215
Science,	129
Art and archæology,	48
Philosophy,	34
Miscellaneous,	86
Total,	6833

BINDING.

In all libraries the need of funds for rebinding worn volumes, and for binding the constantly and rapidly increasing numbers of periodicals, is a constant want and in none more so than in ours. It is unfortunate that the funds of the library do not permit of more being done in this direction. As was the case last year the library is again indebted to one of its

patrons for generously coming to our aid and enabling us not only to bind the current magazines but also to do something in the way of rebinding those books which have been most worn in circulation. The necessity for rebinding is, in fact, one which increases year by year. The present mania for cheap books has seriously affected the manufacture of books intended to be permanent. Not only is the paper poorer, but the work is so carelessly done that many books now need to be rebound almost before the gloss has worn from the surface of the covers. As some of the publishers bind at present it is a question whether it would not be a saving in cost to a library to purchase the work in sheets and have it suitably bound at a regular book-bindery, or even whether it is worth while to buy their books at all.

CATALOGUING.

Owing to the closing of the library for repairs and the time subsequently required to bring the books into their proper places on the shelves, and also to the demand upon the time of the librarian and his assistant in preparing the Emott collection for circulation, but little work has been done upon the card catalogue. When the books were moved back upon the shelves after the completion of the repairs in the library, it was determined to alter the arrangement of the works of fiction and to dispose them alphabetically on the shelves according to the name of the author. This necessitated an immediate catalogue with new class-marks as the old shelf marks were no longer of any use. A beginning was made but, as previously stated, the work was interrupted by more imperative demands upon the time of the librarian. It is hoped that the work will soon be resumed and carried through to completion without further interruption. But it becomes daily more evident that the work of cataloguing the whole library cannot be carried through in any reasonable time by one person, especially when the increased activity of the library makes so many demands upon the time of the librarian. A sum of money sufficient to warrant the employment of a trained cata-

loguer with a sufficient number of assistants is imperatively needed. The want of a complete card catalogue is one of the most serious drawbacks to the efficiency of the library. The librarian is daily hampered in his efforts to find the books wanted, to the delay and often to the disappointment of the inquirer who perhaps fails to get the book he knows is in the library. In addition to this the special student who wishes to know what the resources of the library in his particular line of study are is utterly without help, especially now that the shelves are no longer accessible, save such as the librarian can give him, which must necessarily be inadequate. The gift of a sum of money sufficient to allow the preparation of a card catalogue would prove as great a benefaction to the library as could well be.

ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Through the generosity of Governor George P. Wetmore the capacity of the library has been greatly increased by the erection of a large case of shelves capable of holding about nine hundred volumes. This welcome addition gives room for the disposal of many of our volumes which, notwithstanding the additional accommodation afforded by the construction of the new gallery last winter, were crowded together in the east room. The accession of so many volumes from the Emott bequest, however, leaves the library still crowded and yet more shelf-room is needed before all the books can be arranged on the shelves with room enough for the normal growth of the library.

Some progress has been made in sorting out the duplicate volumes and magazines in the library, and in finding out what gaps in our series of periodicals need to be filled. A large number of duplicates of government publications have been taken from the basement where they were being injured by the dampness, and eight sacks-full of these, consisting mainly of the Congressional Globe and Record, embracing 198 volumes have been sent to the Department of the Interior at Washington in response to a request for the shipment of such

volumes as could be spared to aid in completing sets in other libraries. Our library has previously been a beneficiary from this process of exchange, and our set of Congressional Globe and Record is now complete with the exception of two volumes. In return for the documents recently sent to Washington we have just received from the Interior Department 18 volumes to aid in completing our sets of other documents. The Peoples Library of this city has also received from us 38 volumes to aid them in completing their sets of government publications. In the delivery department the effective service of Mr. S. T. Hopkins, the assistant in charge, has shown itself in the careful and orderly manner in which the books have been kept. But one volume has been reported lost and this a work which was taken out just prior to the closing of the library last winter.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

JAMES EMOTT.

It seems fitting that this Annual Report should be accompanied by some tribute to the character and some account of the life of Hon. James Emott, to whose bequest we are indebted for an accession of about three thousand very valuable volumes to our library, it being the accumulation of his lifetime devoted to the service of man and the glory of God,—a life of faithful application of all its energies, capacities and opportunities in the prosecution of such culture, and such application of it as redounds to his own credit, and to the promotion of good taste, of good morals and of sound law.

As Judge Emott was a resident of a distant city he was not familiarly known here, and we are indebted for the material for this sketch to an article from the *American Church Review* for April, 1885, written by Rev. H. G. Satterlee, his intimate friend.

James Emott was born in 1823. He was the son of the Hon. James Emott, of Poughkeepsie, New York, a man of high distinction as a lawyer, and who had occupied with honor and distinction seats in the state and national legislatures, and was the first County Judge of Dutchess County, and afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; he also held high position as an honorable and accomplished business man, and was at his decease President of the ancient Dutchess County Bank. His death occurred in 1850.

His wife, Hester Crary, a lady of remarkable sweetness of character and of most exemplary Christian life, was a native of Newport, and was the daughter of Archibald Crary, who was colonel of a Rhode Island regiment in the Continental line of the American army of the Revolution, though a native of Connecticut, (*viz.* 1st Battalion, 1777,) who had been a resident of East Greenwich before and during the Revolution, and was afterward domiciled in Newport and was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of this town, and was a member of the Society of Cincinnati in Rhode Island and from 1800 to 1811, Vice President of that body.

Both these parents were most devout Christians and the son was trained in the most careful manner and fulfilled their utmost desires in all his subsequent conduct and character.

The father was reserved and dignified, but under the mother's gentle influence the son's temperament became mel-
lowed and he developed more genial and social qualities than had distinguished the father, although in the youth of the son their association had been very affectionate and confidential.

Under the careful guidance of his father the youth made rapid progress in study, and at the age of fifteen years he entered the sophomore class of Columbia College; he was a diligent student and made such good use of his advantages that on the expiration of his three years' term he graduated with the highest honors of his class.

During his college course the death of his mother threw a shade of sadness over him, which probably contributed to the formation of the individual vividly described in the following paragraph, quoted entire from Mr. Satterlee's paper:

"Under such auspices James Emott grew up and returned to Poughkeepsie to take his place in the world: a grave, staid, reliable youth, tall and handsome in appearance, and in his manner at once courteous and reserved; quick in his sympathies, yet ever holding his sympathy in abeyance to a discriminating judgment; with a natural taste for all kinds of books, which had been generously cultivated, and with those trained

habits of study and careful analysis that he carried to the grave."

The next few years he was a law student in the office of Johnson & Cole, and a year after his admission to the bar he married Mary, daughter of Charles Crooke, of Poughkeepsie.

That he was regarded as a profound lawyer, the following quotation by Mr. Satterlee, from an expression of opinion by a professional associate, conclusively shows.

"He seemed to care little or nothing for the forensic struggles of his profession, but bent his energies to the enforcement of legal questions, which he unfolded with a quiet, unostentatious and masterly clearness which gradually lifted him into consequence as a profound jurist in the mightier matters of the law."

In 1850 the father died, and the son succeeded him as President of the old Dutchess County Bank; this position he held until his death. When Poughkeepsie became a city he was honored by being elected its first Mayor, and in 1855 he was nominated by the Republican party and elected as Justice of the Supreme Court for the Second Judicial District, being then thirty-two years of age. Eight years later, in 1863, having served part of this term with great acceptance as Judge of Appeals, he retired from the bench and assumed the practice of law in the city of New York.

Up to 1870 he pursued his professional avocations, mingling them with all other good works as occasion offered, with great earnestness and diligence. Soon after that time his health began to yield to the too great demands upon him, and yet he persisted until near his end in painful struggles to answer all the requirements of his position.

Judge Emott was deeply interested in the Union cause, and was chiefly instrumental in sending to the front the first regiment from Dutchess County, and never, to his death, ceased to regret that the solicitations of his friends had dissuaded him from abandoning his important duties at home and taking the field.

He was a very devoted member of the Episcopal Church, and a profound theological student and reasoner. On this point Mr. Satterlee's paper is copious, and our space will not permit our following the subject.

The sentiment which led Judge Emott to present his library to this institution as a memento of his respect for the memory of his mother, is one which all must admire as creditable to himself and a just tribute to her exalted character.

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Aldrich, Hon. N. W., 6 vols. 5 pph.
 Almon, A. B., 1 vol.
 American Gas Light Journal, from the publisher.
 Anonymous, 7 vols. 4 pph.
 Armington, Miss, 1 photograph.
 Ashhurst, Miss Emily, 1 vol.
 Atkinson, Misses L. F. and C. R., 8 vols. 4 mags.
 Balch, Thos. W., 2 vols. 2 pph.
 Baltimore: Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1 vol.
 Baltimore: Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
 Best, Mrs. Col. C. L., 22 vols.
 Betten, G. G., 8 pph.
 Blight, A., 1 vol.
 Bookstaver, H. W., 1 vol.
 Boston: Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.
 Boston: Perkins Institution, 1 pph.
 Boston: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Boston Record Commissioners, 1 vol.
 Bradlee, Rev. C. D., 1 broadside.
 Braintree, Mass.: Thayer Academy, 1 pph.
 Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library, 3 pph.
 Calvert, G. H., Popular Science M'thly.
 Chalmers, Patrick, (London,) 2 pph.
 Channing Memorial Church, 1 pph.
 Chase, W. L., 1 pph.
 Cincinnati: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Cincinnati: School Board, 1 vol.
 Collett, C. D., (London) 1 set Diplomatic Review, 2 pph.
 Cox, Hon. W. R., 1 pph.
 Cross, S. H., 1 vol.
 Cullum, Gen. G. W., 1 vol.
 Curtis, George T., 1 pph.</p> | <p>Cushman, Mrs. E. C., subscription to "The Path."
 Dalton, Joseph G., 1 vol.
 Danvers: Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
 Dunn, Thomas, 11 vols. 1 pph. 15 periodicals.
 Earle, Pliny, 1 chart.
 Eaton, Amasa M., 1 pph.
 Eayrs, N. W., 1 periodical.
 Ellis, Dr. John, 2 pph.
 Emmons, Mrs. N. H., 1 vol.
 Essex Institute: Bulletin.
 Gammell, William, 1 pph.
 Germantown: Friends Free Library, 1 pph.
 Gibbs, F. A., 1 vol.
 Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott, 1 vol.
 Greene, Dr. S. A., 5 vols. 1 pph.
 Hall, Mrs. E. A., 1 pph.
 Harrison, Rev. Hall, 2 vols.
 Hartford: Library Association, 2 pph.
 Harvard College Library, 2 pph.
 Higginson, T. W., 1 pph.
 Home Journal, from the publishers.
 Hubbard, L. P., 3 pph.
 King, Mrs. Edward, 3 vols.
 King, George G., 230 mags.
 Langley, J. S. and A. G., 313 mags. 58 pph.
 Lawrence: Free Public Library, 1 pph.
 Leeds, Joseph W., 1 pph.
 Librarian, The, 9 vols. 41 mags.
 Literary News, from the publishers.
 Littlefield, G. A., 1 pph.
 Manifesto, The, from the publishers.
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1 pph.</p> |
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- Massachusetts Lodge of Free Masons, 2 pph.
 Massachusetts : State Library, 1 vol.
 Mauran, J. E., 4 vols. 5 pph. 22 periodicals.
 Messenger of Peace, from the publishers.
 Middlebury (Vt.) Historical Society, 1 vol.
 Nation, The, from the publishers.
 New Church Messenger, from the publishers.
 New Church Tract and Publication Society, 1 pph.
 N. E. Meteorological Society, 2 pph.
 Newport: American Institute of Architects, 1 pph.
 Newport Journal, from the publishers.
 Newport: Townsend Aid Asso., 1 pph.
 Newton: Free Library, 1 pph.
 N. Y.: Astor Library, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 N. Y.: Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
 N. Y.: Free Circulat'g Library, 1 pph.
 N. Y.: Maimonides Library, 2 pph.
 N. Y.: Mercantile Library, 2 pph.
 N. Y.: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1 pph.
 N. Y.: Shakspeare Society, 1 vol.
 Ohio State Forestry Bureau, 1 vol.
 Our Dumb Animals, from the publishers.
 Pell, Mrs. D. C., 1 vol.
 Perkins, C. C., 1 pph.
 Philadelphia Library Co., 2 pph.
 Philadelphia: Mercantile Lib'ry, 1 pph.
 Philadelphia: Prov. Life & Trust Co., 1 vol.
 Pillsbury, Parker, 1 pph.
 Powel, Miss M. E., subscription to the Book News.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 19 vols. 17 pph. 1 mag. 1 map.
 Providence: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Pumpelly, Raphael, 1 vol.
 Rankin, Dr. F. H., 1 vol.
 Religio-Philosophical Journal, from the publishers.
 Rhode Island Board of Charities, 1 pph.
 Rhode Island Hospital, 1 pph.
 Rhode Island Sec'y of State, 4 vols.
 Rhode Island State Auditor, 1 pph.
 Rider, Sidney, Book Notes.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 2 vols. 7 pph. 28 periodicals.
 Sanford, Rev. Enoch, 1 pph.
 San Francisco: Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 Sherman, W. Watts, 9 vols.
 Stevens, Dr. George T., 1 pph.
 St. Louis: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Taunton: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Tennessee State Board of Health, 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 3 vols. 34 pph.
 Traveler's Record, from the publishers.
 Trinity Church Messenger, from the publishers.
 U. S.: Civil Service Commiss'n, 1 pph.
 U. S.: Department of the Interior, 88 vols. 9 pph.
 U. S.: Department of State, 33 vols. 11 pph.
 U. S.: Fish Commission, 2 vols.
 U. S.: Navy Department, 2 vols.
 U. S.: Patent Office Gazette.
 U. S.: Smithsonian Institute, 4 vols.
 U. S.: Treasury Department, 5 vols. 1 pph.
 U. S.: War Department, 8 vols.
 Unity, from the publishers.
 University of Pennsylvania Greek Play Committee, 1 vol.
 Voice, The, from the publishers.
 Wendte, Rev. C. W., 6 vols.
 Westerly Narragansett Weekly, from the publishers.
 Wetmore, Gov. George P., 32 vols. 31 mags.
 Wingate, Rev. Charles, 1 vol.
 Winthrop, R. C., Jr., 2 pph.
 Woburn: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Woolsey, Miss A., 2 vols.
 Worcester: Public Library, 1 pph.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100,

Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	Marquand, Henry G.
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	Mason, Earl P., Estate.
Beekman, Miss Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman.)	Mason, Miss Ellen F.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate.	Mason, Miss Ida M.
Butler, Samuel W., Estate.	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate.
Caldwell, William S., Estate.	Morgan, Edwin D.
Carey, John, Jr., Estate.	Norman, George H.
Caswell, Philip, Estate.	Norman, Stephen H.
Cooke, Henry Williams	Parish, Daniel, Jr.
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate.	Parkman, George F.
Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta
Cornell, Richard	Powel, Samuel, Estate.
Cozens, William C., Estate.	Ray, Robert, Estate.
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate.	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.
Fearing, George R.	Russell, Charles H., Estate.
Fitts, Daniel B.	Sands, Austin L., Estate.
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	Sanford, Henry S.
Foster, John	Sheffield, William P.
Gibbs, George W.	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)
Gibbs, Miss Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson.)	Smith, Alfred
Gibbs, Theodore K.	Staigg, Richard M.
Hammett, George A., Estate.	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.
Hazard, James L.	Taylor, Robert J., Estate.
Hone, Robert S.	Tompkins, Frederic
Hoppin, Hamilton, Estate.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Humphrey, Mrs. Pastora E.	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.
Hunter, Miss Anna F.	Tweedy, Edmund
Jessup, Alfred D.	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate.
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	Wales, George W.
Kennedy, Robert L.	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate.
King, Le Roy	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.
Ledyard, Henry, Estate.	Wetmore, George Peabody
Macy, Seth W., Estate.	Wetmore, Samuel
Malcom, Rev. Charles H.	Wetmore, William B.
	Willett, Edward M.

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,
(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	Dame, Hannah, Estate.
Allan, Erastus P.	DeBlois, Henry D.
Allan, W. S. N., Estate.	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.
Atkinson, Misses Louisa F. and Mary E.	Dennis, Miss Sarah B.
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate.	Denniston, George
Bailey, Samuel C.	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.
Baker, A. Prescott	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.
Baker, Darius	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate.
Bancroft, George	Dunn, Thomas
Barker, Robert S.	Edgar, William
Berry, Mrs. Mary A. T.	Ellery, Misses Mary G. and Hen- rietta C.
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	Engs, Dr. George
Boit, Edward D.	Engs, Samuel
Bowen, Stephen, Estate.	Fay, Henry H.
Bradford, Joseph, Estate.	Finch, Benjamin
Breeze, Thomas, Estate.	Fludder, James
Brinley, Francis	Fludder, William
Bronson, Arthur, Estate.	Franklin, Robert S.
Brown, John C., Estate.	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.
Brownell, William	Gardner, Miss Martha E.
Buffum, William P.	Gibbes, Miss Emily O.
Bull, Henry	Gibbes, R. Morgan, Estate.
Burdick, J. Truman	Gibbes, Miss Sarah B.
Bush, John T., Estate.	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate.	Gilpin, William
Callender, Miss Elizabeth	Goffe, Augustus
Calvert, George H.	Gould, Edward W.
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	Greene, George W., Estate.
Chase, Miss Sarah I.	Greene, William B.
Child, Rev. William S.	Griswold, John N. A.
Clarke, William A.	Hall, George, Estate.
Coggeshall, David M., Estate.	Hamilton, William
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Coggeshall, Thomas	Hammett, Elizabeth, Estate.
Cornell, William	Hammett, James H.
Cottrell, Michael	Harris, Frank G.
Covell, Robert S.	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate.
Cozzens, John H.	Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)
Crandall, George F.	Hazard, Miss Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross.)
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	

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 Hazard, Mrs. Nancy
 Hazard, Thomas H.
 Hoffman, Miss Susan O.
 Honey, Samuel R.
 Horton, Jeremiah W.
 Hunter, Miss Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane.)
 Hunter, Miss Rebecca E.
 Hunter, Thomas R.
 Kane, Delancy, Estate.
 Kimber, Anthony M.
 King, Caroline, Estate.
 King, David, Estate.
 King, David, Jr.
 King, Edward, Estate.
 King, George G.
 King, William H.
 Ladd, Miss Jeanne S.
 Langley, Alfred G.
 Langley, Job T.
 Langley, William C.
 Lawrence, S. Abbott, Estate.
 Lawton, Charles E., Estate.
 Lawton, Edward W.
 Lawton, George
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 Lemont, Miss Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur.)
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 Luce, Admiral Stephen B.
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 Lyon, Joseph M.
 Marin, Capt. Matthias C.
 Marsh, J. W. R., Estate.
 Mason, George C.
 Mauran, James E.
 Middleton, Henry A.
 Morris, Wistar
 Munro, Miss Rebecca (Mrs. J. B. Finch.
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 Newton, Mrs. Abby E.
 Newton, Miss Clara
 Newton, Dudley
 Newton, Edward
 Newton, Miss Mary H.
 Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.
 Paine, John, Estate.
 Peckham, Felix, Estate.
 Peckham, Henry S.
 Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.
 Peckham, Thomas P.
 Pell, Mrs. Walden
 Perkins, Charles C., Estate.
 Phinney, Theodore W.
 Potter, Charles, Estate.
 Pray, Harley W.
 Pempelley, Raphael
 Rankin, Francis H.
 Reynolds, Gardiner B.
 Rhinelander, Fred. W.
 Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate.
 Richardson, John D.
 Richmond, George A.
 Rider, Philip
 Sanborn, John P.
 Sanford, William H.
 Seabury, T. Mumford
 Seabury, William G.
 Sherman, Albert K.
 Sherman, Anthony S.
 Sherman, Edward A., Estate.
 Sherman, Susan B.
 Sherman, William
 Simmons, Philip, Estate.
 Smith, William H.
 Southwick, J. M. K.
 Spooner, Edwin G.
 Spooner, Henry D.
 Stevens, Achilles
 Stevens, William, Estate.
 Stevens, William G.
 Stewart, Anthony
 Stoddard, John C.
 Storer, Dr. Horatio R.
 Stout, Mrs. Ann M.
 Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate.

Taylor, Alex. O'D.
Terrill, Dr. George
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.
Thorndike, Sophia, Estate.
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Tilley, Mrs. Mary C.
Tilton, Frederic W.
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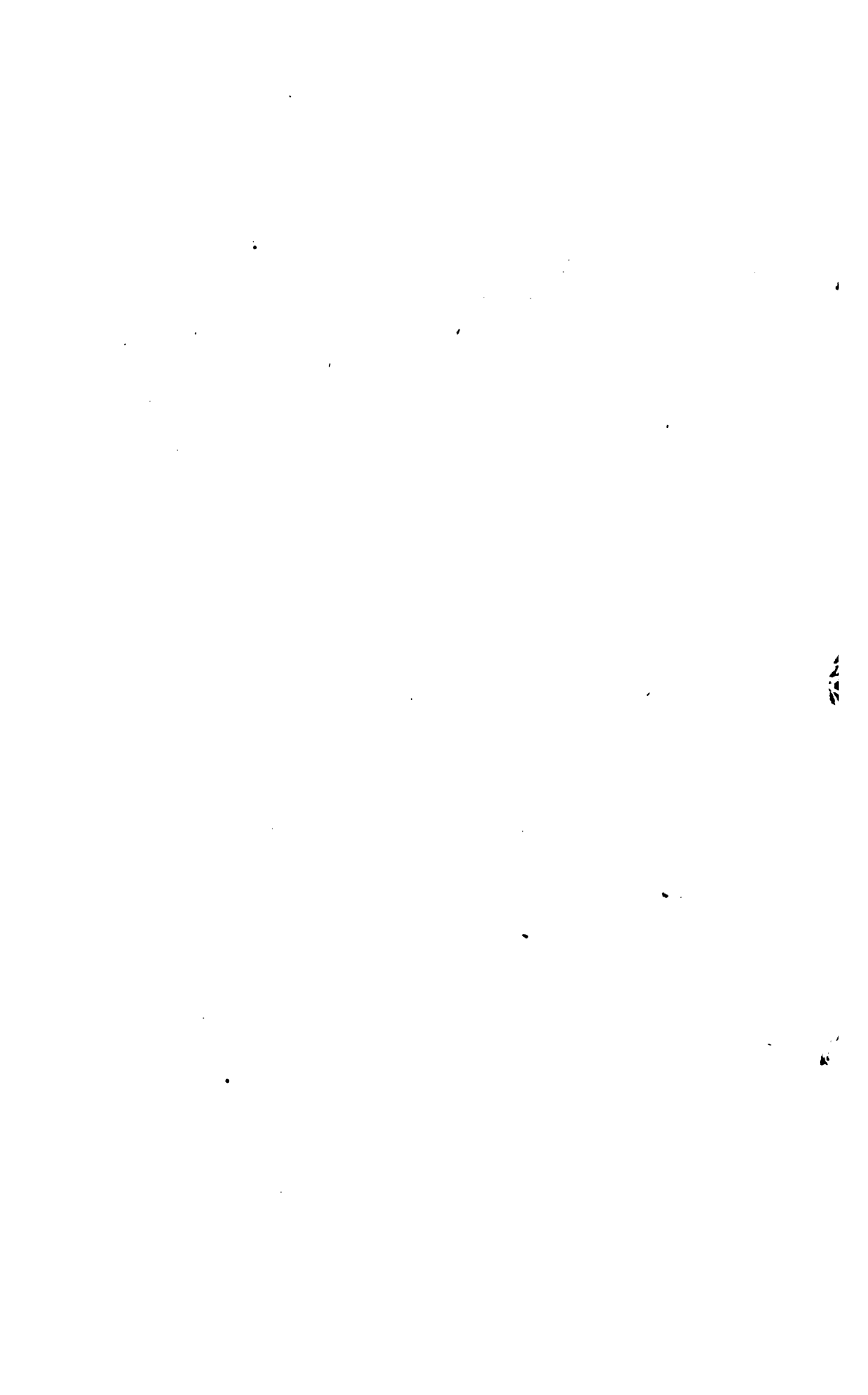
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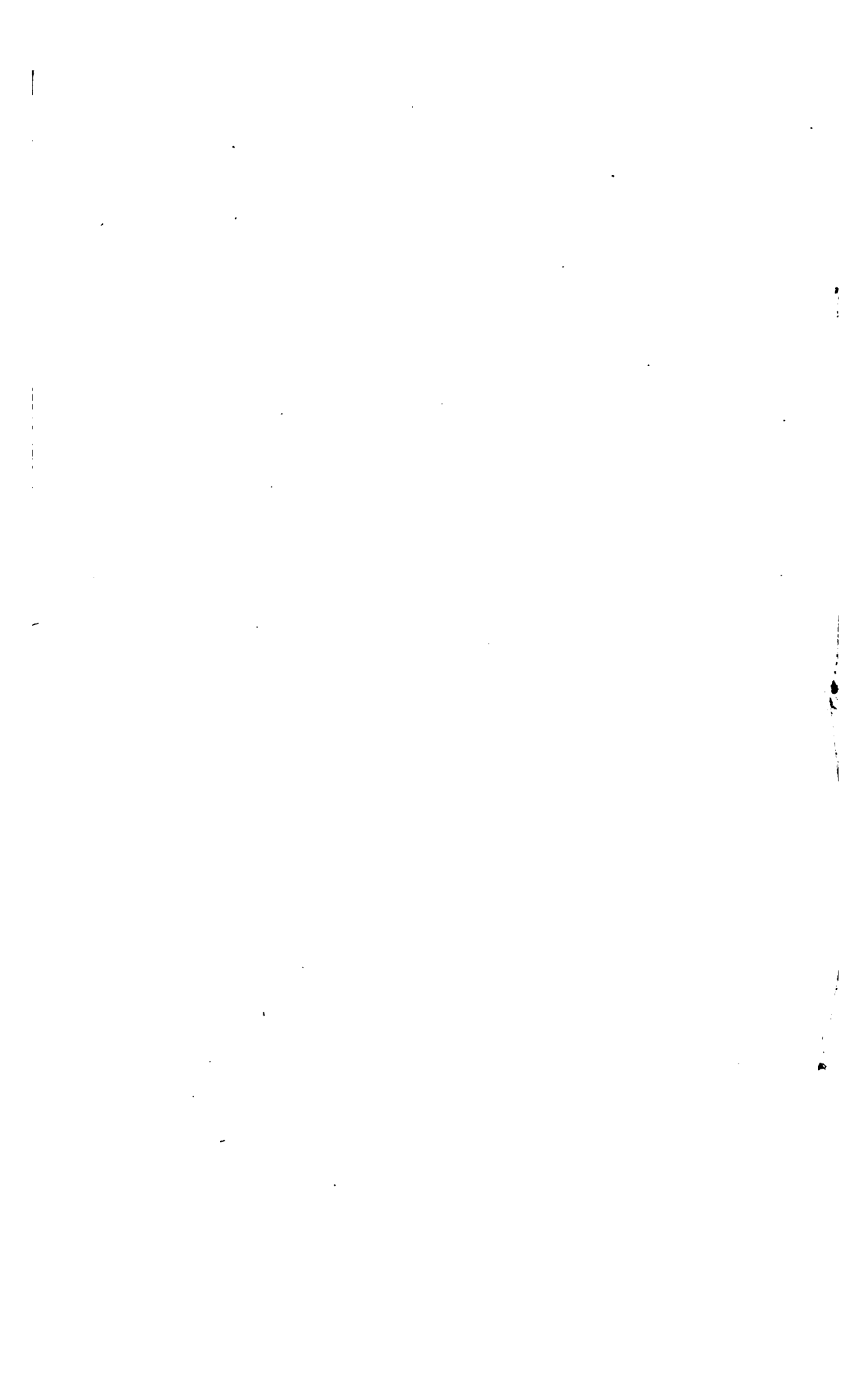
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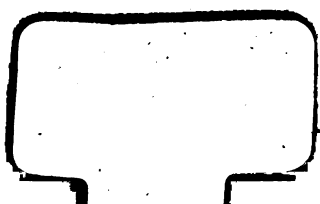
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all persons, who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life-Members.

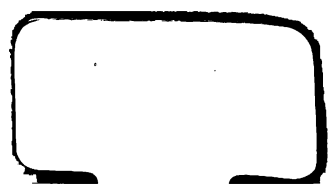
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Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
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Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.

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Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
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Norris, William
Ogden, Francis D.
Parkinson, C. B.
Phoenix, F. Whitney
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Smith, Alfred
Stevens, Frederic W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
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Tweedy, Edmund
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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
DIRECTORS

—OF THE—
Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,
TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1887.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY,
— OF THE —
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, A. D. 1887.

The one hundred and fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 17th, A. D. 1887, at three o'clock, p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King; a quorum of the stockholders being present. The President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders. The Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were read, and it was voted that not exceeding five hundred copies of the President's report and accompanying reports, with a list of the stockholders, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary. The resignation of Mr. George W. Wales as a director was read, received and accepted with regret that he declined to serve longer in the position which he has so usefully filled.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Henry H. Fay.

Directors.

Francis Brinley,	George C. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George G. King,	Henry E. Turner,
Henry G. Marquand,	Charles C. VanZandt.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i>	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

The following persons were elected members of the Corporation: Daniel B. Fearing, Howard Smith, Mrs. Sarah T. Wetmore, Arthur B. Emmons, Charles Acton Ives, Ivan N. Paine and Dr. William C. Rives.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, John H. Cozzens and George F. Crandall be chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 17, 1887.

At the last Annual Meeting our efficient President, Dr. Henry E. Turner, declined a re-election, and with much reluctance his declination was accepted.

The Directors have lost during the year by the hand of death two of their valued associates, Messrs. William A. Clarke and Job T. Langley, the latter having been Treasurer of this Corporation since 1875. The Directors passed unanimously suitable resolutions of condolence, which will be appended to this Report.

Through the liberality of Gov. George Peabody Wetmore and others a fourth bookcase was placed in the northwest corner of the large East Room, which gives us much needed space for books.

During the month of March the Treasurer received from the estate of Madame Panon, of Paris, the sum of \$952.50, being the amount of a legacy of \$1000 less a succession tax of \$47.50. Said sum of \$952.50 the Directors voted to deposit in the Newport Savings Bank to the credit of the "General Current Expense Fund."

At a meeting of the Directors on June 13th, 1887, George G. King was elected Treasurer for the rest of the year (Mr. Langley having died on June 12th), and his report is herewith presented.

The Librarian's report is also presented herewith. From it you will see that the Library has received during the year by donations, 307 books, 344 pamphlets, and by purchase, 279 books. The number of books now in the Library is 32,288. One book has been lost.

The Directors by resolution on June 13, 1887, specially thanked Mr. Henry G. Marquand for his generous gift of three hundred dollars for the binding of books. On July 11th, 1887, the Directors voted to extend the hospitalities of the Library to the "General Society of the Cincinnati," which met in Newport, July 27-29, 1887. A copy of said vote; signed by the President and Secretary, was forwarded to Dr. Henry E. Turner, the Secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in Rhode Island, and letters of acceptance and thanks have been received from him and from the General Secretary, Asa Bird Gardner.

The Directors beg respectfully to ask for substantial aid from the stockholders and other friends at this time. It is with the greatest economy that the yearly expenses of this institution can be kept even with its income. The wisest policy would seem to be to increase the General Current Expense Fund which now amounts to \$11,766.76 to \$20,000 if possible, and it is hoped the stockholders will do what they can to further this result.

In closing this report the Directors deem it advisable to quote the following passages from an appeal made in behalf of this institution, dated Oct. 18, 1880, and which was signed by the late Dr. David King and others:—

"This institution, originating from a society formed as early as 1730, by the gentlemen of Newport, having by numerous benefactions been made an efficient means of intellectual improvement, still needs a permanent fund of \$20,000 to place it on the vantage ground with like Libraries in other

communities. * * * * * The Directors, seeing no prospect of being re-inforced in our community with large accessions of shareholders in these days of cheap publications and of free libraries, make their appeal to the benevolence and generosity of liberal and public spirited men; friends of the Library, residing within our borders and without. This appeal they make with the more confidence, as the Redwood Library from the distinguished names associated with it in the past, may be justly regarded as a sort of National Institution."

All which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,
for the Directors.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library on Saturday, May 7th, A. D. 1887, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

RESOLVED, That the death of the venerable William A. Clarke deprives the Redwood Library and Athenæum of the services of an associate whose official connection with the Library possibly antedates that of any living member of its government.

His special interest in this Corporation and a few other local associations was of a two-fold origin, partly inherited from his father, whose memory he ever tenderly cherished, and partly from his conviction that those institutions were essential to the prosperity of Newport.

His happiness seemed to rest upon a triple foundation : first, the serenity of his bachelor home, which was under the parental roof where he lived and died : second, his unswerving attention to the duties incident to the fiscal trusts confided to him, and third, the ministrations of the Unitarian Church, in whose doctrines he had an enthusiastic faith.

Resolved, That as his characteristics always leaned to virtue's side, it is fit and proper that the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum should place on record a testimony of their appreciation of the honorable career of their departed associate.

Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary to Mr. Henry A. Clarke, Newport, R. I., and to Mr. Dumont Clarke, of New York City, they being nephews to our deceased friend, and also that copies be furnished for publication in the *Newport Daily News* and *Newport Mercury*.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library on Monday, June 13, A. D. 1887, at four o'clock, p. m., the following Resolutions were unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, Job T. Langley, a Director and long the Treasurer of this Corporation, has in the Providence of God been removed from this life since the last meeting of this Board, and it is fitting and appropriate that we should take such action as may appear to be proper, expressive of our appreciation of the services to this Library of our deceased associate ;

It is therefore Resolved, That in the decease of Mr. Langley this Board of Directors recognize the loss to this Institution of a conscientious, faithful and efficient officer, who as Treasurer and Director has uprightly and wisely discharged all the duties which devolved upon him, and the members of this Board have been deprived of a highly respected and useful associate.

Resolved, That a copy of this Preamble and Resolutions be placed upon the Records and that a copy thereof, signed by the President and Secretary, be transmitted to the widow of the deceased.

DR.

JOB T. LANGLEY, Treasurer, in account with the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENAEUM.

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A recapitulation of detailed statement rendered from Aug. 9, 1886, to May 7, 1887.

1886.	Aug. 9.	To balance from former account,	\$583.66	1887.	May 7.	By Payments for Book Account,	\$614.95
1887.	May 7.	To cash for 158 Taxes,	\$700.00	"	"	" " Expense Account,	663.63
"	"	" " Subscriptions,	144.00	"	"	" " Salary Account,	900.00
"	"	" " Fines,	28.95	"	"	" " Mercer Book Fund,	122.83
"	"	" " Catalogue,	1.00	"	"	" " W. F. Weld Book Fund,	45.46
"	"	" Donation from H. G. Marquand, Esq., for binding books,	953.95	"	"	" Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport to General Ex-	952.50
"	"	" Dividend I. C. Brown Book Fund,	207.15	"	"	pense Fund, Panon Legacy,	
"	"	" " R. Rogers Book Fund,	80.00	"	"	" Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, Special Share	12.00
"	"	" " George G. King Book Fund,	20.00	"	"	" Balance credited to New Accounts,—	3311.37
"	"	" Cash subscriptions for book cases,	220.00	"	"	Mercer Book Fund,	293.40
"	"	" Dividend Special Share Fund,	115.00	"	"	W. F. Weld Book Fund,	147.98
"	"	" General Current Expense Fund,	118.80	"	"	Less amounts overdrawn by,—	441.38
"	"	" Coupon W. F. Weld Book Fund,	115.00	"	"	Book Account,	352.09
"	"	" Legacy from Estate Charlotte N. Panon, less legacy tax,	45.00	"	"	Incidental Expense Account,	68.52
"	"	" Cash from sale of share,	952.50	"	"		420.59
			12.00				20.79
							\$3332.16

LIST OF FUNDS.

1	U. S. Bond, 4½%, Littlefield Fund,	\$1000.00
2	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	1000.00
"	" " George G. King Book Fund,	1000.00
"	" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1000.00
"	" " W. S. Rogers Book Fund,	4000.00
"	" " J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	5000.00
1	Mortgage Bond, Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1000.00
2	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, Special Preferred Share Fund,	5946.56
"	" " General Current Expense Fund,	7766.76
1	Mortgage Bond, Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7½%, Gen'l Cur.	1000.00
2	" " St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. 5½%, Ex. Fund.	2000.00
1	" " Milw., Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1000.00
2	" " Houston & Texas R. R. 3%, D. King Book Fund,	2000.00
2	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, D. King Book Fund,	356.84
		\$33,070.16

DR. **GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer, in account with the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENAEUM.** CR.

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LIST OF FUNDS.

1	U S. Bond, 4½% Littlefield Fund,	\$1000.00
	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport,	1000.00
"	" " George G. King Book Fund,	1000.00
"	" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1000.00
"	" " W. S. Rogers Book Fund,	4000.00
"	" " J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	5000.00
1	Mortgage Bond, Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds, Houston & Texas R. R. 8%, D. King Book Fund,	2000.00
	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, D. King Book Fund,	356.84
"	" " Special Preferred Share Fund,	5946.56
"	" " General Current Expense Fund,	7706.79
1	Mortgage Bond, Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7½% Gen'l Cur.	1000.00
2	" " St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. 5% } Ex. Fund.	2000.00
1	" " Milw., Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% }	1000.00
		\$33,070.16

GEORGE GORDON KING, Treasurer.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 8, 1887.

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Examined and found correct:

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., } Auditing Committee.
J. H. COZZENS, }
GEO. F. CRANDALL, }

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the fifth annual report of the librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1886-87.

ACCESSIONS.

The statistics this year show a falling off in the accessions to the library not only in the number of volumes purchased but also in those given,—the pamphlets being the only item which exhibits an increase. The falling off in purchases is due unfortunately to a partial failure of our book fund, due to overdrawing, by which it became necessary in May last to limit the purchase of books to those already subscribed for, or to those works appearing periodically which formed parts of series or sets. Our annual income for the purchase of books is only about five hundred dollars, supplemented by such gifts or bequests as we may from time to time receive. The most important of these acquired in recent years, the Mercer bequest, is nearly exhausted, and unless the library soon obtains similar aid from the generosity of its friends or patrons the monthly purchase of books will have to be considerably reduced, to the impairment of the usefulness of the library and the disappointment of the shareholders and subscribers. The amount of money derived from the book funds alone is much too small to enable the book committee to buy all the books which such a library as ours should possess,—the reference department especially being in great need of re-

vision and replenishment. The want, therefore, of increased funds for the purchase of books is one of the most imperative, if the library is to keep up its standard of purchase maintained during the past few years.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the past year:

No. of volumes in the library, August 17, 1886,	31,700
No. of volumes added by purchase,	279
No. of volumes added by donation,	307
No. of volumes added by exchange of duplicates,	2
Total in the library, August 17, 1887,	32,288
Pamphlets added,	344
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	107

CIRCULATION.

The liberal policy in the purchase of books maintained by the book committee during the past year has been justified by the largely increased circulation, which, as shown by the subjoined table, considerably exceeds that of any previous year of which we have record. Had it not been for the unavoidable limitation to the purchase of books during the past three months, alluded to above, the figures for the annual circulation would have been still higher. This increase is particularly gratifying as showing a greater interest in the library and an elevation in the general taste of the readers, since all the books bought were, thanks to the care and discrimination of the book committee, of the higher and better class of literature. The use of books within the library has shown a proportionate increase, though no record has been kept of the number thus used. While a large part of the extra-mural circulation has been in the department of fiction and juveniles, and in periodicals, which are largely taken out for the sake of the fiction contained therein, there has yet been a notable increase in other departments, particularly in biography, essays, poetry and literary history. One of the principal causes of this increase in biographical and lit-

erary subjects has undoubtedly been the courses of study pursued last winter by the Nineteenth Century, Half-hour and Unity clubs. As might be expected fiction forms the larger part of the circulation, it being 56% of the whole.

The subjoined table gives the numbers of volumes in each department issued during the year; and as a result of a new system of charging introduced last January it is possible to give the circulation in each department for each month since then.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	42
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	159
C.	Biography,	781
D.	History,	555
E.	Description and travels,	348
F.	Social and political science,	45
G.	Natural science,	91
H.	Useful arts (including Medicine),	10
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	53
J.	Literature :	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	362
Jb.	Classical writers,	71
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	435
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	751
Je.	Letters,	61
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	14
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5389
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	197
K.	Literary history,	120
L.	Language,	11
M.	Miscellaneous,	39
Total,		9,534

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	Total
To Jan. 10, 1887,	27	110	403	282	202	12	50	4	32	185	26	183	328	17	8	2333	96	58	9	25	4390
January, .	2	3	48	38	13	6	1	2	8	11	4	45	55	1	5	326	18	11	—	—	597
February, .	1	4	47	49	28	6	7	—	1	34	8	56	58	4	—	416	23	5	—	1	748
March, .	5	7	75	40	32	10	8	—	1	39	4	37	73	8	—	532	16	9	1	2	899
April, .	2	10	57	35	17	1	5	—	3	11	8	36	64	13	1	434	13	8	1	3	722
May, .	1	5	45	27	17	4	3	2	4	29	7	35	66	4	—	395	12	7	—	4	667
June, .	1	11	44	40	21	5	6	1	—	31	5	26	53	11	—	469	9	10	—	2	745
July, .	3	9	62	44	18	1	11	1	4	22	9	17	54	3	—	484	10	12	—	2	766
Total, .	42	159	781	555	348	45	91	10	53	362	71	435	751	61	14	5389	197	120	11	39	9534

BINDING.

Since the last annual report no binding has been done, save of a few books in constant circulation which needed immediate attention, owing to lack of means. It is a pleasure now to report that Mr. H. G. Marquand, to whose generosity in the past the library is indebted for much of its binding, has again kindly offered to pay for the binding and rebinding of such periodicals and books as most need it. The aid thus furnished is extremely welcome, as the usefulness of the library and the safety of its volumes depend so largely upon the proper preservation of its books. It is hoped that other friends of the library may be induced to follow Mr. Marquand's example and thus enable us to put into covers many of our sets of less used periodicals which hitherto have been left unbound.

CATALOGUING.

In his report for the previous year the librarian pointed out the necessity there was for a complete card catalogue of the whole library, and showed how utterly impossible it was for him, in view of the increasing cares of administration, to accomplish this work alone. The remarks and recommendations then made still hold true, indeed with even more force as the circulation of books increases, and render it in the highest degree imperative that means be found whereby a full catalogue of the library may be made. Last winter a committee was appointed to take into consideration the practicability of raising a sum of money sufficient to have a card and printed catalogue of the library made, but owing to lack of response to the appeals of the committee the money unfortunately has not yet been raised. During the past year the cataloguing of fiction has been carried on in such time as the librarian has been able to spare from his executive duties, and about two-thirds of the books in that department have been catalogued and class-marked. During the same period my assistant, Mr. Hopkins, has made a preliminary author list on cards of the books on social and political science.

ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Notwithstanding the additional shelf-room afforded by the erection of the new shelves mentioned in the report for last year, the library is in some departments still somewhat crowded; one of the new cases in the East Room being entirely filled with U. S. Government publications to the detriment of some other departments which are more used and for which this case is really needed. Recognizing the desirability of more shelf-room for the proper accommodation of our books, Gov. G. P. Wetmore, to whose liberality the library was largely indebted last year, has offered to contribute one hundred dollars toward the construction of a gallery on the east side of the Reading Room, similar to the one built by Mr. G. G. King year before last. The hope is expressed that Mr. Wetmore's generous offer may be supplemented by contributions from others, so that this desirable addition to our shelf-room may be made during the coming autumn or winter.

Last winter, after more than a year's experience with the old system of book-charging, the librarian became convinced that it was entirely inadequate to the needs of the library, and early in January a change was made to a combined ledger and slip system. This system is similar to that used at Harvard College and some other libraries in the country. The books are charged on slips, which are dated by stamp, and thrown into a box to be posted in the ledger whenever the assistant has time. After posting, the slips are arranged alphabetically by the title or class-mark in a box with movable divisions for each week. When the books are returned the slips are taken from their places, dated again and put into the box to be crossed off from the ledger, or posted again in case of renewal, later in the day. Of course the charges and discharges for each day are made before the work of the succeeding day begins. The disadvantage of this system is that it takes a little longer to find the slips of books returned than it did to turn to the ledger page and cross them off. The advantages on the other hand, which largely outweigh this disadvantage, are that the slips show

where any given book is, when it is overdue, and how many books are in circulation at any given time; while the ledger account shows the number of books each person has, and what books they have had.

So great has been the inconvenience occasioned by the yearly increasing number of sight-seers and excursionists who crowd the library, especially in the summer months, to the interruption of the work of the librarian and his assistant, and to the annoyance of the readers and students in the library, that it was found necessary to limit the time during which visitors, unless accompanied by, or bearing a note of introduction from, a proprietor could be admitted. Accordingly by a vote of the Directors at their monthly meeting in July, the hours for visitors were put at from 12 o'clock m. to 2 o'clock p. m. The beneficial effect of this restriction is already shown in the increased quiet of the library and reading room and in the presence of a larger number of readers.

Last spring Miss S. M. Spooner of Philadelphia deposited in the library a loan collection of ten paintings, four bronzes, two plaques and three Savonarola chairs, to be held by the library during her absence in Europe.

Since the last annual report two volumes belonging to the library have been lost, one of which has been replaced by the loser.

The librarian deems it proper to state in this place that much of the success in the general administration of the affairs of the library, and particularly in the delivery department, has been due to the judgment, care and effective co-operation of his assistant, Mr. S. T. Hopkins.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Aldrich, Hon. N. W., 1 pph.
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 Gibbs, Dr. W., 58 vols., 40 maps, 136 pphs., 13 periodicals.
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 R. I. Society of the Cincinnati, 1 vol.
 Rodman, Miss H., 2 vols.
 Rogers, Mrs. W. B., 3 vols., 2 pphs., 3 periodicals.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 1 vol, 22 pphs., 36 periodicals.
 Russell, Miss, 1 vol.
 San Francisco: Board of Supervisors, 1 vol.
 San Francisco: Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 Sheffield, W. P., 1 pph.
 Slade, A. P., 1 pph.
 Slocum Post, G. A. R., 1 vol.
 Smith, A., Estate, (through A. P. Baker,) 1 portrait.
 Smith, S. F., 1 vol.
 Springfield (Mass.): City Library, 1 pph.
 St. Louis: Public Library, 1 pph.
 St. Paul: Chamber of Commerce, 1 pph.
 Stevens, W. G. (City Clerk), 6 vols.

- Storer, Dr. H. R., 1 pph.
 Student Statesman, from the publisher.
 Taunton: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Taylor, Commander H. C. (U. S. N.),
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 Tompkins, H. B., 2 vols.
 Traveler's Record, from the publishers.
 Travers, Mrs. W. R., 6 vols.
 Trinity Church Messenger, from the
 publishers.
 Unitarian Review, from the publishers.
 U. S.: Bureau of Education, 2 vols., 2
 pphs.
 U. S.: Civil Service Commission, 1 vol.
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 U. S.: Department of the Interior, 75
 vols., 1 pph.
 U. S.: Department of Justice, 3 vols.
 U. S.: Department of State, 3 vols., 17
 nos. Consular Reports.
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 U. S.: Surgeon General, 1 vol.
 U. S.: Treasury Department, 2 vols.
 Unity, from the publishers.
 University of California, 1 pph.
 Upham, Capt. F. K. (U. S. A.) 1 vol.
 Voice, The, from the publishers.
 Wales, G. W., 4 pphs., 2 periodicals.
 Weeden, Dr. J. E., 1 pph.
 Wendte, Rev. C. W., 2 pphs., 2 peri-
 odicals.
 Westerly Narragansett Weekly, from
 the publishers.
 Wetmore, G. P., 17 vols.
 Winthrop, R. C., 1 vol.
 Woburn: Public Library, 1 pph.
 Woollett, S., 1 vol.
 Worcester: Free Institute, 1 pph.
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 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 1 vol.
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Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M.	1	Marquand, Henry G.	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs H. B. Lyman,)	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert, H., Estate,	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Norman, George H.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Norman Stephen H.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams,	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Ray, Robert, Estate,	2
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Foster, John	1	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Smith, Howard	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson)	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Tompkins, Frederic	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Humphrey, Mrs. Pastora E.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wales, George W.	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, Le Roy	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
Malcom, Rev. Charles H.	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
		Willett, Edward M.	1

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Almon, Andrew B.	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1
Allan, W. S. N., Estate,	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Denniston, George	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Bancroft, George	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Edgar, William	1
Berry, Mrs. Mary A. T.	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Boit, Edward D.	4	Engs, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Bréeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Brinley, Francis	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Fludder, James	4
Brownell, William	1	Fludder, William	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Foster, John	2
Bull, Henry	1	Franklin, Robert S.	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate,	1	Gibbes, R. Morgan, Estate,	2
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Gibbes, Sarah B.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	1	Gilpin, William	1
Chase, Sarah I.	1	Goffe, Augustus	1
Child, Rev. William S.	1	Gould, Edward W.	2
Clarke, William A., Estate,	4	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Cornell, William	1	Hamilton, William	1
Cottrell, Michael	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Covell, Robert S.	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Harris, Frank G.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1
Crandall, George F.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1

Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross.)	1	Mason, Ida	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Mauran, James E.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Middleton, Henry A., Estate,	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Morris, Wistar	1
Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T. G.)	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Hazard, Thomas H.	1	Newton, Dudley	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Newton, Edward	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Newton, Mary H.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane.)	1	Norman, Stephen H.	2
Hunter, Rebecca E., Estate,	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hunter, Thomas R.	1	Panin, Ivan N.	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
King, Caroline, Estate,	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
King, David, Jr.,	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
King, George G.	4	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, William H.	6	Pray, Harley W.	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Pumpelley, Raphael	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
Langley, Job T., Estate,	1	Reynolds, Gardiner B.	1
Langley, William C.	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate,	1
Lawton, Edward W.	1	Richardson, John D.	1
Lawton, George	1	Richmond, George A.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur.)	2	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Leverett, Mary E.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	3
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Sanborn, John P.	1
Lyon, Joseph, Estate,	1	Sanford, William H.	1
Lyon, Joseph M.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Seabury, William G.	1
Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
		Sherman, Susan B.	1
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		Smith, William H.	1
		Southwick, J. M. K.	1

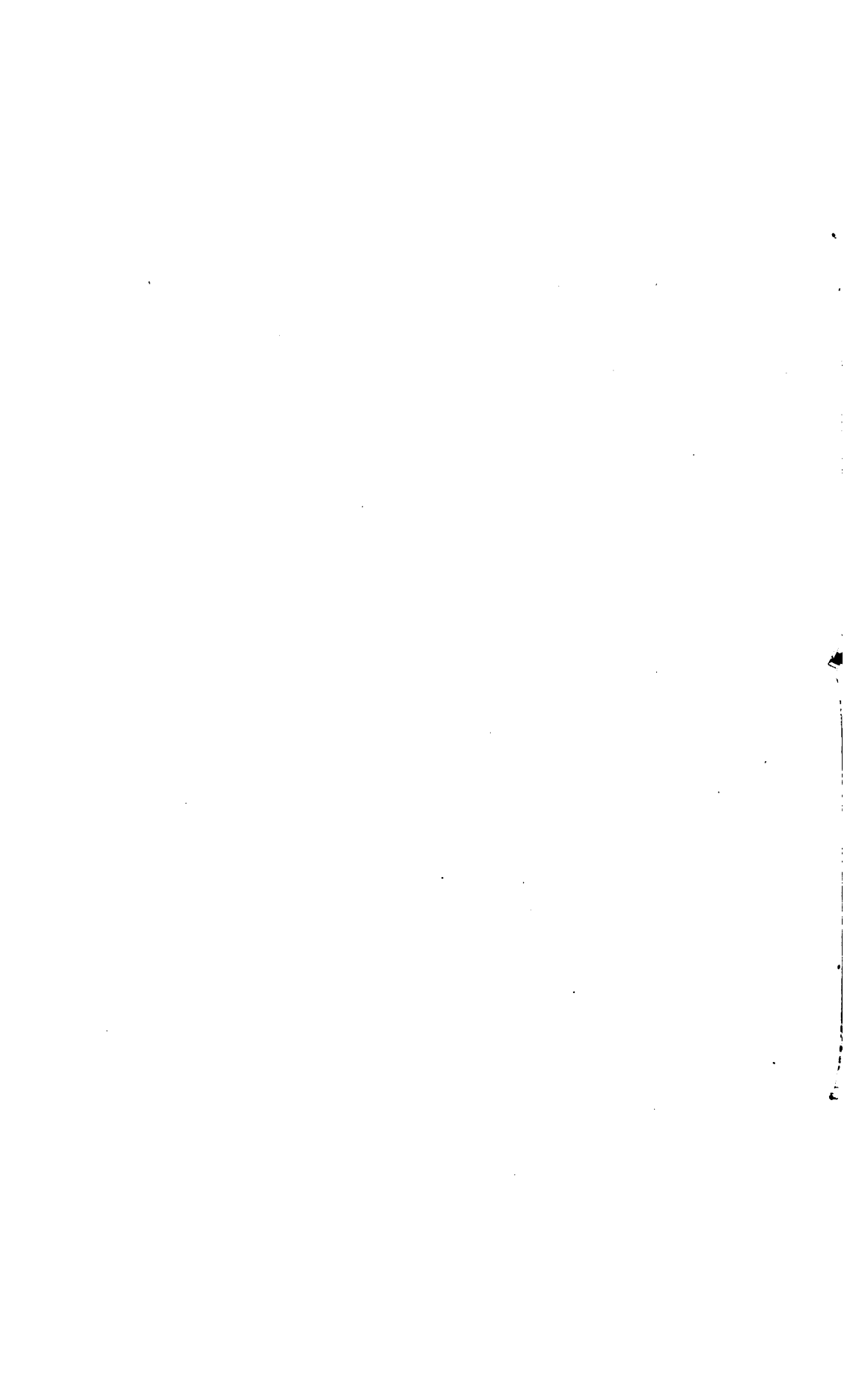
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Spooner, Henry D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
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Stevens, William, Estate,	1	Underwood, William J.	1
Stevens, William G.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Stoddard, John C.	1	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1	Ward, A. Judson	1
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1	Weaver, John G.	1
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1	Weaver, Sarah C.	1
Terrill, Dr. George	1	Weld, William G.	1
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	3	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Wharton, Thomas I.	1
Tilley, Mrs. Mary C.	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Tilton, Frederic W.	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Tompkins, Frederick	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
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Turner, Dr. Henry E.	1	Wormeley, Katherine P.	1

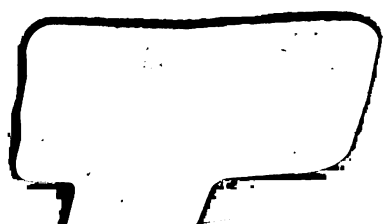
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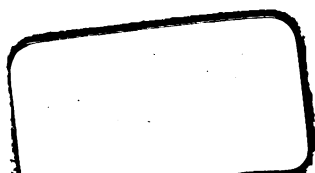
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all persons who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

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Beach, C. Nicholas
Belmont, August
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Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Cornell, Richard
Dunn, Thomas
Fearing, Henry S.
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
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Kernochan, Frederic
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Lorillard, Pierre

Low, A. A.
Low, Seth
Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis D.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rives, Dr. William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederic W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
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Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
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Wharton, Joseph







ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1888.

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WITH CHARTER AND REGULATIONS.

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1888-9.

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ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

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ON EXPENDITURES.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY,
—OF THE—
Redwood Library and Athenæum,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, A. D. 1888.

The one hundred and fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 15th, A. D. 1888, at three o'clock, p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King; a quorum of the stockholders being present. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. A. O'D. Taylor was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. The President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders. The Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were read, and it was voted that not exceeding five hundred copies of the President's report and the accompanying reports, with a list of the stockholders, and a copy of the Constitution and By Laws, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

Directors.

Francis Brinley,	Henry G. Marquand,
Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George Gordon King,	Henry E. Turner.

The following named persons were elected members of the Corporation : Mrs. J. R. Auchincloss, William L. Chase, Henry A. Clarke, Ellen Cornell, Carrie W. Crandall, Mrs. Mary Ann Hazard, Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, John H. Cozzens and George F. Crandall be chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 15, 1888.

There has been no material change in the affairs of the Institution since the last report. The Library continues to be a useful and attractive resort for our residents and also for those strangers who care to avail themselves of its privileges.

In October last the Treasurer received the following communication from Mr. Mason.

“Newport, R. I., Oct. 14, 1887.

GEORGE GORDON KING, ESQ.,

Treasurer of the Redwood Library.

Dear Sir: In compliance with the instructions of the Directors of the Redwood Library, I have sold for the benefit of the Library the two shares of the Capital Stock of the Newport Reading Room held by the Library, for the sum of \$350, of which sum I have paid Noah Redford \$5 for the service he rendered me in the matter, and enclosed you will find a check for the balance of \$345. It is my wish that the above statement of the transaction be placed on record.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE C. MASON.”

On Nov. 14, 1887, Mr. Mason on behalf of the Executors of the Estate of the late Miss Rebecca Hunter, presented to the Library the silver snuff box of Judge Edward Scott, one of the original founders of the Library.

The Directors are pleased to announce the very valuable gift of H. H. Bancroft's "History of the Pacific States and Territories" in 39 volumes, presented to the Library by Edward F. Northam, and they voted that the following acknowledgement of the gift be placed on record and that a copy be sent to Mr. Northam's Executor.

ROBERT E. NORTHAM, ESQ.,

Dear Sir: Your letter advising the Librarian of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, that the late Edward F. Northam had arranged previous to his sudden death to send a copy of Bancroft's History of California to this Institution, as a mark of interest in his native city, was duly received, and the volumes of the work already issued have been received and placed in the Library, where they attract the attention they justly merit.

The older members of the Board of Directors were personally acquainted with Mr. Northam, having known him during his residence in Newport in his early years; and with their associates appreciate this kindly expression of interest in the Institution that is dear to the heart of every Newporter at home or abroad.

And to you, Sir, personally, the Board desire to extend their thanks for so promptly carrying out the wishes of the donor, and the care you have had in forwarding the several volumes that have already appeared.

With tokens of high respect,

LEROY KING, President.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., Secretary.

The Library is once more indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books.

The Treasurer's report is herewith presented and from it,

it will be seen that it is only with the greatest economy that the expenses of the Institution are kept even with its income.

The Directors once more express the hope that the friends of the Library will increase the General Current Expense Fund which now amounts to \$11,818.36 to \$20,000.

The Librarian's report is also presented herewith. The Library has received during the year by donations 478 books, 915 pamphlets, and by purchase 310 books.

The number of books now in the Library is 33,327. One paper covered book has been lost.

The Directors regret to announce that Mr. Bliss' efficient assistant Mr. Hopkins has decided to sever his connection with the Library as he is about to remove to Fall River. He has proved a most competent and courteous official and his place will be hard to fill.

In closing this report it is pleasant to note that no vacancy has occurred in the Board of Directors since the last annual meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,
for the Directors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the sixth annual report of the librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1887-88.

ACCESSIONS.

The accessions this year show a slight gain in the number of books bought, over those purchased last year, and a very considerable gain in the number of pamphlets and periodicals received. Unfortunately, owing to causes referred to in the last annual report, the number of books purchased will hence forth have to be considerably reduced, and that especially in a department in which the reduction will be most quickly felt—namely fiction. The treasurer has notified the Book-committee that the gift of \$1000 from Mr. William F. Weld which for several years past has been used for the purchase of fiction is now exhausted. Unless therefore the library is again a beneficiary of some like generous friend, the purchase of works of fiction will have to be practically suspended—a result which, judging from the general demand for this class of literature will cause considerable disappointment to the proprietors and subscribers. The Mercer bequest is likewise nearly exhausted and when this sum is entirely used up,—as it is likely to be in a very few months, the purchase of books, and particularly of books of the better and more expensive class, will have to be still further reduced. That this will be a most serious blow to the

value and usefulness of the library cannot be doubted. During the past year the Book-committee has exercised great discretion in its purchases in order to husband as far as possible our resources, without largely altering the liberal policy they have pursued in the past in relation to the purchase of books. But even economy cannot long delay the exhaustion of the Mercer bequest, and it is apparent that in order to meet the reasonable demands of our reading public it is highly desirable not only that the purchase of books—especially of standard books—should not be allowed to fall off, but on the contrary should be increased to meet the increased demand which has shown itself during the past four or five years, as may be seen by referring to the table of comparative circulation. This result can only be attained by an addition to our book funds which shall considerably increase the income now used for this purpose, or by direct gifts such as was the case with the Mercer bequest and the Weld donation. Prominent among the accessions of the past year should be mentioned the valuable gift last Christmas of H. H. Bancroft's voluminous History of the Pacific States, bound in full Russia and gilt, from Mr. Edward F. Northam of San Francisco, who, it is to be regretted, died shortly after having made arrangements for placing this work in our library.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the past year :

No. of volumes in the library, August 17, 1887, .	32,288
No. of volumes added by purchase,	310
No. of volumes added by donation,	478
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	251
Total in the library, August 15, 1888, .	33,327
Pamphlets added,	915
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	693

CIRCULATION.

A glance at the subjoined table of comparative circulation

will show a slight falling off this year in the number of books issued for home use, although the total is still much higher than in preceding years. If the table showing the circulation by departments is compared with that printed in last year's report it will be seen that description and travels, social and political science, natural science, useful arts, unbound periodicals and fiction are the only departments which show an appreciable gain. The marked falling off in history is undoubtedly owing to the fact that the Eighteenth Century Club which in 1886-7 made a specialty of historical studies was not in session during the past winter. The relatively large increase in the circulation of unbound periodicals is probably due to the fact that several new magazines have been added to the library, and to the gift of most of the current numbers of Lippincott's magazine—which periodical has had a wide circulation among our readers presumably on account of the fiction it contains. Indeed three-fourths of the total circulation of periodicals ought, in justice, to be added to the fiction account. Fiction and juveniles also shows an increase which may be attributed to a rather larger purchase this year of works of this class. The circulation of fiction this year is 61% of the whole, as against 56% last year. The number of books consulted in the library is about the same as in the previous year. This use of the library could be made much more satisfactory, both to students and to the librarian, were the many needed additions made to our reference department. Books of this class are usually expensive and the book funds of the library do not permit the necessary additions to be made from that source; but it is unquestionable that the efficiency of the library would be vastly increased had we the means to extend it in this direction.

The following tables give the comparative total circulation by years, the circulation this year by departments, and the circulation of each department for each month of the year.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534	9,198

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	32
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	106
C.	Biography, *	611
D.	History,	378
E.	Description and travels,	360
F.	Social and political science,	68
G.	Natural science,	100
H.	Useful arts (including medicine),	30
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	43
J.	Literature :	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	289
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	42
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	229
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	1038
Je.	Letters,	62
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	3
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5569
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	130
K.	Literary history,	96
L.	Language,	3
M.	Miscellaneous,	9
Total,		<hr/> 9,198

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	<i>Total</i>
August, '87,	—	11	62	33	21	2	10	3	—	29	5	20	80	10	—	435	9	16	1	—	747
September,	5	21	65	31	35	5	9	3	5	37	5	13	102	8	1	482	13	10	—	—	850
October, .	2	8	39	29	40	4	7	2	6	18	2	23	82	6	1	485	7	16	—	2	779
November,	1	10	50	22	31	4	6	—	4	25	6	11	118	6	1	449	9	12	—	1	766
December,	2	6	49	23	18	4	6	—	2	16	5	11	57	2	—	400	12	4	1	—	618
January, '88,	—	7	30	24	20	6	8	—	6	25	2	12	58	2	—	426	7	6	—	1	640
February, .	2	10	53	18	28	7	6	—	5	19	3	16	113	4	—	412	5	5	—	—	706
March, .	5	3	52	32	28	7	6	3	6	21	4	28	70	3	—	478	7	7	—	2	762
April, .	1	9	44	26	33	6	6	4	2	25	3	21	99	1	—	398	13	7	—	—	698
May, .	2	6	52	42	39	—	12	5	2	28	1	20	89	2	—	433	10	4	—	—	747
June, .	6	8	58	51	29	8	14	5	2	16	6	24	92	6	—	565	20	4	1	1	915
July, .	6	7	57	47	38	15	10	5	3	30	—	30	78	12	—	607	18	5	—	2	970
<i>Total, .</i>	32	106	611	378	360	68	100	30	43	289	42	229	1038	62	3	5569	130	96	3	9	9198

CATALOGUING.

For several years past the librarian has called attention in each annual report to the urgent necessity there is for a new and complete catalogue of the library. It is now twenty-eight years since the library was thoroughly catalogued, and during that time more than 22,000 volumes have been added to the shelves, for the greater part of which the only record that exists is the accessions book. As has been previously stated a few of the departments have a preliminary card catalogue, but, with the exception of fiction and American literature, which are finally catalogued, the books have no class-marks showing where they may be found. Furthermore the absence of suitable catalogue cases prevents these cards from being accessible to the public and renders them at present practically useless. The labour consequently entailed upon the librarian and his assistant in keeping track of the location of the different books, and in finding any required book even if the memory proves trustworthy, as it by no means always does, is very great. The general service of the library makes such demands upon the time of the officers of the library that it is often impossible to find an "out of the way" book when wanted, or to properly aid the readers by hunting up references to the subject they may be interested in. Thus, it will be seen, much inconvenience results to readers and special students from the lack of a classified catalogue to which they can themselves refer for the subjects upon which they desire information, or from the unavoidable delay which often takes place in finding books other than those in current circulation.

No one more feels the need of such a help as a catalogue alone can give than the librarian, and the mortification and vexation he experiences in not being able to help students to just the books they need, or in not being able to find books which are known to be in the library, is very great. A card catalogue with the proper class-marks is just as necessary to a library of any size as tools are to a mechanic, an index to a book, or an alphabetical arrangement to a dictionary. Unfortunately the library funds do not afford the means of having

one made; the time of the librarian is so fully occupied in the general administration that but little work of this sort can be expected of him, and therefore any aid of this sort must come from the outside. A most urgent appeal is again made to the friends and proprietors of the library to help us in this very manifest need. A small contribution from each shareholder and subscriber,—and who are more interested in this matter than these—would enable us to have a card, and if desirable a printed, catalogue made before the next annual meeting.

Since the last annual report the librarian has finished the fiction card catalogue, and Mr. Hopkins has made a manuscript author catalogue from the cards, to be used in the fiction room until such time as we shall be able to put the cards themselves in cases open to the public.

BINDING.

During the past year 251 volumes of current periodicals have been bound and 175 books rebound. The library being unable to devote any portion of its limited means to this purpose owes this aid to the generosity of Mr. H. G. Marquand whose gift was mentioned in last year's report. It is with gratification that the librarian is able to announce that Mr. Marquand has this summer again renewed his gift, and promised the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be used for binding purposes. By means of this very practical help it is expected that at the close of the year, most of the periodicals, except some of the weekly serials, will be bound. Many of these have long been accumulating in numbers and their preservation in covers will not only add to their accessibility, but preserve them from injury. There is still a large number of books in the library that need rebinding and any assistance like that so kindly given by Mr. Marquand will be gratefully appreciated.

ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

It is with regret that the librarian reports that the attempt to raise by private subscription the sum of five hundred dollars

for the construction of a gallery on the east side of a reading room has not so far been successful, only \$256 of the whole amount having been subscribed. Although the need of more room is not always apparent upon a cursory glance, since it has not yet become necessary to pile the books upon the floor, the want is no less a real one. Owing to lack of sufficient shelf-room a proper arrangement of the books cannot yet be made. Natural science is divided pretty nearly in the middle, one half being in the Reading-room and the other half in the east-room. A similar divorce in European history has been necessitated; books on English history being quite as isolated from those of the rest of Europe as England herself is, geographically, from her neighbours. The cases containing the Latin and Greek classics are overcrowded, with no place to which to move them; and the same is true of several other departments. Additional shelf-room would enable the librarian to make a much more orderly and systematic arrangement of the books in the library. For several years it has been the librarian's desire to have all the books for children collected and arranged in one part of the library where they can be readily seen and consulted. At present they are mixed with other works on the subject upon which they treat, and are thus distributed throughout the library. But however desirable the formation of such a children's library may be, it cannot be done with the present shelf-accommodations and until the new gallery is built, or some other means provided, the plan for a juvenile collection must remain *in embryo*.

Four books have been reported lost, three of which have been replaced by the loser, and two volumes missing for several years have been restored.

No change has been made in the general administration of the library except that necessitated by the withdrawal of the assistant in charge, Mr. S. T. Hopkins, whose painstaking care, accuracy, and efficiency during the time he was connected with the library cannot be too highly commended.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

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| <i>the publisher.</i> | <i>publisher.</i> |
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| Scottish review. (Amer. ed.) | U. S. Patent Office. |
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Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	I	Ward, Henry N.	I
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	I	Weaver, John G.	I
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	I	Weaver, Sarah C.	I
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	I	Weld, William G.	I
Terrill, Dr. George	I	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	3	Wharton, Thomas I.	I
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	I
Tilley, Mrs. Mary C.	I	Wilbour, Mary A.	I
Tilton, Frederic W.	I	Willard, Elisha W.	I
Tompkins, Frederick	I	Wilson, George H.	I
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	I	Woollett, Sidney	I
Townsend, John F., Estate,	I	Woolsey, Theodora W.	I
Turner, Dr. Henry E.	I	Wormeley, Katherine P.	I

LIFE MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)
Bancroft, George
Beach, C. Nicholas
Belmont, August
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Cornell, Richard
Dunn, Thomas
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.

Low, Seth
Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederic W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph

CHARTER.

COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven :

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible ; to which end James Honyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning ; which they have accordingly done, &c. : whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Company do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted members of their

Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices, and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well-governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport; due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and

authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues, as also all the business and affairs of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor.

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary*.

The Charter as amended in 1856.

An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company; viz :—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company, at the Library-room, or the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors ; or upon request,

made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect

for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14. *The President.* He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meetings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary; and shall himself be a director *ex officio*.

ART. 15.—*The Directors.*—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regu-

lations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines, or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary*.—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the

Company ; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year ; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Amendment to the Charter passed at the January Session, A. D. 1861.

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the board of Directors.

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Amendment to the Charter passed at
the January session, A. D. 1867.

An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the proceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Library and Reading-room shall be kept open on such days and at such hours as the Directors may designate.

2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the name of the Library; and, if presented, shall have inscribed in them the names of the givers, unless otherwise requested.

3. Each person entitled to the privileges of the Library shall be allowed to take out any three volumes at a time; which may be kept out two weeks. Of a set of books, he may take, at any time, two volumes. Three numbers of any weekly, and two numbers of any monthly, periodical shall be counted as one book.

4. If any person shall detain a book over the time allowed, he shall pay, as a fine, one cent for every day's detention of such book for two weeks, and five cents a day for every day thereafter, and, if it shall not be returned within twenty days after demand made in writing therefor by the Librarian, he shall pay the value of the book, or of the set to which it belongs,—the value to be estimated by the Directors.

5. Any person who shall soil or damage or lose a book belonging to the Library shall be liable to such fine as the Directors may impose: or shall pay the value of the book, or of the set, if it be part of a set, as the Directors may elect.

6. Any person entitled to books may enter his name

with the Librarian for any book then out, and shall be entitled thereon to receive such book when returned. But no name shall be entered at any one time for more than one book, or two volumes of a set; nor shall more than one name be entered at the same time for the same book: and such book shall be reserved for only one library-day.

7. No book shall be delivered to any one but a stockholder, or a member of his immediate family, or upon a stockholder's written order, except as provided for in Article 20: and no person shall take a book from the Library, except at the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant; to either of whom only shall such book be returned.

8. The Librarian shall have power to prohibit the removal of books from the shelves, whenever he may deem such removal improper.

9. No book belonging to the Library shall be lent by any person taking the same, under the penalty of one dollar.

10. The Librarian shall carefully examine all books returned; and shall, at the time, note any damage done to them, in a book kept for that purpose, in which he shall keep an account of all violations of the regulations relating to the Institution.

11. The Directors may, on special occasions, at their discretion, authorize individuals, not connected with the Institution, to use the Library, under such restrictions as they shall impose.

12. Any person who shall violate any of these regulations shall be liable to forfeit his right to the privileges of the Institution for one year; or for a less time, as the Directors shall determine.

13. All books shall be returned to the Library at such times as the Directors may order, when a careful examination of the Library shall be made; and any person who shall fail to conform to such an order shall be liable to a fine of one dollar.

14. Books belonging to the Library may be used in the Reading-room. Any person desiring to use books in the

Reading-room shall be furnished with a card, on which he shall designate the book or books asked for, by stating the letter of the shelf and the number of the book on the shelf, and the volume or volumes (all which can be learned from the Catalogue); and this card, which must be presented when a book is asked for to be used in the Reading-room, will be retained as long as the owner retains the books; but no book, so received, shall be taken from the Reading-room.

15. Each pamphlet or periodical used in the Reading-room shall be returned to its place by the person using it; and all books used there shall be returned to the Librarian or to his Assistant.

16 All conversation and all conduct, inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading-room, are absolutely prohibited. Infraction of this rule will incur the penalty of future exclusion.

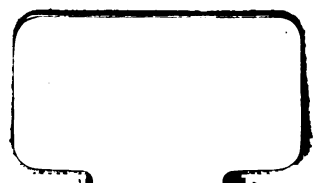
17. No books shall be taken from the shelves by any person not employed in the Library, except such as are deposited in the Reading-room for reference.

18. Any stockholder may introduce a friend to the Reading-room, for a day.

19. Any person, with permission of the Directors, may deposit books, or other works of art, in the Library, to remain there for use or otherwise, as the owners may direct; which shall be under the same care and regulations as the property of the Institution, but without devolving any responsibility on the Company.

20. Under the foregoing Regulations, any persons (though not stockholders) having a temporary residence in the city, with the consent of the Directors, may have the use of the Library and Reading-room by paying therefor six dollars, in advance, for the season, and depositing with the Librarian twenty dollars; which deposit shall be restored on the return of all books taken out, and the payment of any fines which have been incurred by the depositor. The Directors, however, in their discretion, may dispense with the deposit.

21. All books, when first introduced into the Library, by purchase or gift, shall remain one week on the table before being put into circulation.



ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1889.

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WITH CHARTER.
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—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1889-90.

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FREDERIC W. TILTON,

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

HENRY E. TURNER.

TREASURER:

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

SECRETARY:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

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HENRY H. FAY,

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WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,

F. W. TILTON,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
—OF THE—
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, A. D. 1889.

The one hundred and fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 21st, A. D. 1889, at three o'clock, p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King; a quorum of the stockholders being present in person or by proxy. The President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders. The Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were read, and it was voted that not exceeding five hundred copies of the President's report and the accompanying reports with a list of the stockholders, and a copy of the Constitution and By Laws, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers for the year ensuing were then elected :

<i>President,</i>	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Secretary,</i>	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

Directors.

Arthur B. Emmons,	Henry G. Marquand,
George W. Gibbs,	George C. Mason,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
William Gilpin,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
George Gordon King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins.
Henry E. Turner.	

The following named persons were elected members of the Corporation : George H. Richardson, Ralph R. Barker, George A. Littlefield, and F. Augustus Ward.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., John H. Cozzens and Thomas P. Peckham be a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 21, 1889.

The Directors are pained to announce the deaths during the year of two former Presidents of this Institution: that of Mr. James Eddy Mauran occurring in November last, and that of the Hon. Francis Brinley who passed away in his eighty-ninth year on the fourteenth of June.

In the annual Report of 1883-84 the following reference is made to Mr. Mauran on the occasion of his resignation from the Presidency: "In view of the devotion and diligence of Mr. Mauran in prosecuting his duties the Directors take leave to recommend to the Corporation the expressions of their obligations to him."

In Mr. Brinley the Library loses one of its most active and valued officers: he rarely omitted to attend the monthly meetings of the Directors, who can ill spare the counsels of a man of such integrity, wisdom and culture.

The Directors unanimously passed suitable resolutions of sympathy, which were sent to the families of the deceased and which will be appended to this Report.

The Library is again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books.

The Directors are pleased to announce that they have learned that the late Hon. George H. Calvert has by his last will bequeathed his collection of books under certain restrictions to the Library.

Last Autumn a few friends of this Institution contributed the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars towards the expense of cataloguing the books: as a result of this Mrs. Bliss, the wife of our esteemed Librarian, has been able to catalogue during the past eight and a half months three thousand eight hundred and eighty-three books.

This much has therefore been accomplished and is a move in the right direction; and it is hoped that a similar amount of money or more will soon be raised in order to continue this work during the year to come. Under this system cataloguing will necessarily be slow, but would seem to be sure for the yearly sum required is not a large one.

Will not other friends contribute something to this work?

The Treasurer's report is herewith presented, and on examination, it will be seen that the Library's income barely meets its expenses. The Directors regret to announce that their Treasurer, Mr. George Gordon King, by reason of his absence in Europe, has resigned his position.

The Librarian's report is also presented herewith. The Library has received during the year by donation 442 books, 407 pamphlets, and by purchase 436 books.

The number of books now in the Library is 34,261.

The hospitalities of this Institution were extended to the American Medical Association at their annual meeting here in June.

Three volumes of H. H. Bancroft's work, "History of the Pacific States," have been received since the last annual meeting.

In closing this report the hope is expressed that through

the liberality of the Library's friends the General Current Expense Fund may be materially increased during the next twelve months.

It is pleasant to remark that the Librarian's new assistant, Mr. F. H. Holt, has given very general satisfaction during the year.

All which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,
for the Directors.

Dr. **Redwood Library and Athensum, in account with George Gordon King, Treasurer.** Cr.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY ;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the seventh annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Redwood Library for the year 1888-89.

The accessions to the library this year exhibit a falling off, in the number of books received, of about one hundred volumes. This is owing rather to the fact that not nearly so many volumes of periodicals were bound, than to any diminution in the number of books purchased, which, indeed, is larger by more than a hundred volumes than it was last year. The number of books added by donation remains about the same, but the number of pamphlets and periodicals is considerably less. In the department of fiction fewer books have been acquired by purchase than during previous years when we had the Weld fund to draw upon, all fiction now being charged to the regular book funds which are insufficient to warrant a large expenditure for this class of reading. It is probable that during the coming year a still further reduction in the number of purchases will become necessary since the Mercer bequest, which has been so serviceable for the past six years is now expended. This gift of Dr. Mercer's has proved a most valuable addition to the resources of the library and has enabled the book-committee to purchase many works of standard value

the expense of which would otherwise have been too great for our regular funds.

Much as the library needs books of reference, no part of the Mercer bequest has been used for this purpose, it having been the desire of the donor that the money should be expended for standard works adapted to general circulation. The whole number of volumes derived from this source is over four hundred, and now that the library no longer has this fund to draw upon the purchase of such books must necessarily be limited. We have now an excellent collection of standard current literature, thanks to the judicious purchases of the book-committee, and it will be unfortunate if they are obliged to curtail in any degree their expenditures. Not only is there a want of an increase in the general book funds, but the Reference department needs many purchases to keep it up to date. As works of this class are generally expensive but little can be done toward this purchase with the income from the regular book funds.

Through donation and purchase the number of periodicals placed in the reading-room during the past year has been considerably increased.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the past year:

No. of volumes in the library, August 15, 1888, .	33,327
No. of volumes added by purchase,	436
No. of volumes added by donation,	442
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	56
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Total in the library, August 21, 1889, .	34,261
Pamphlets added,	407
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	462

From the table of comparative circulation below it appears that during the past year there has been no falling off in the number of books issued for home use, but, on the contrary, an increase. As the number of users of the library has remained about the same for several years the increase

since 1886 would seem to point to a natural correlation between the circulation and the number of books purchased. Undoubtedly the figures for circulation would run much higher if the means of the library permitted a larger expenditure for books. As usual the issue of works of fiction greatly exceeds that of other classes though the number of books given out in this department is about five hundred less than last year. It is noteworthy that, though the total circulation has increased, the percentage of fiction has fallen to 54% as against 61% the year before. The result of the reduction in the number of books purchased in this department has not affected the total circulation as was expected in view of the fact that so many users of the library are novel-readers, but we find that a decrease in the circulation of fiction is offset by a corresponding increase in other departments. This may be owing either to the fact that many entertaining works of a more solid character have been provided for the reading public or that the run of fiction for the year has been less attractive. Judging from the omnivorous appetite of the average novel reader the Librarian is scarcely inclined to attribute the result noted to the latter cause. The reading of novels when not carried to excess is both legitimate and useful, but it seems not unreasonable to suppose that works of history, biography, and travel, if readable, will prove nearly as attractive. At all events a library which can show that nearly half of all the books taken out are of an instructive nature may congratulate itself on the taste of its readers. The chief departments in which the gain in circulation is most marked are history, description and travels, science, correspondence, poetry and drama and periodicals. The gain in any one class is not always an indication of a serious tendency towards that line of reading, but may be owing to the popularity of a few noteworthy books like Drummond's *Tropical Africa*, Bryce's *American Commonwealth* or Motley's *Correspondence*. Still the general relation between the increase in purchase and the increase in circulation in any given department is tolerably obvious.

The following tables give the comparative total circulation by years, the circulation this year by departments, and the circulation of each department for each month of the year.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
7,932	7,833	9,383	8,376	7,644	7,851	6,833	9,534	9,198	9,368

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	38
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	99
C.	Biography,	510
D.	History,	505
E.	Description and travels,	444
F.	Social and political science,	60
G.	Natural science,	169
H.	Useful arts (including medicine),	27
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	41
J.	Literature:	
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	181
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	46
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	257
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	1,457
Je.	Letters,	111
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	2
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	5,098
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	203
K.	Literary history,	100
L.	Language,	9
M.	Miscellaneous,	11
Total,		9,368

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Feb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	<i>Total.</i>
August, '88,	4	15	66	44	38	12	15	2	7	26	6	25	96	9	—	633	23	24	—	3	1048
September,	5	12	57	54	39	8	20	—	3	24	12	26	143	7	—	600	18	12	1	—	1041
October, .	1	9	44	45	37	6	11	2	6	21	6	20	147	11	—	500	21	5	1	—	893
November,	1	8	30	46	35	—	14	2	—	13	2	18	151	10	1	378	32	2	—	—	742
December,	—	5	31	45	37	—	13	3	3	15	—	37	105	7	—	339	8	5	—	1	654
January, '89,	6	6	49	39	48	2	8	—	—	7	10	22	134	6	—	413	8	5	—	2	765
February, .	6	6	42	42	41	6	9	1	1	8	1	21	78	6	—	339	15	2	—	1	625
March,	1	8	41	42	41	5	15	3	2	16	—	24	153	9	—	413	17	5	—	—	795
April,	4	8	31	33	35	6	14	4	11	5	1	20	122	10	—	366	11	8	1	1	691
May,	—	7	28	22	29	4	16	2	3	10	2	16	121	12	1	360	20	9	—	—	662
June,	1	11	42	41	20	6	18	5	2	21	1	11	91	10	—	349	13	12	1	2	658
July,	9	4	49	52	44	5	16	3	3	15	5	17	116	14	—	408	17	11	5	1	794
<i>Total, .</i>	38	99	510	505	444	60	169	27	41	181	46	257	1457	111	2	5098	203	100	9	11	9368

In the last annual report attention was called to the urgent need of a card catalogue of the library. It was then suggested that a small sum of money from each of the shareholders would enable the Directors to have the work done within a comparatively short period. The response to this appeal for aid was not what might have been expected in view of the obvious benefits which such a catalogue would confer upon the users of the library. As a last resort a personal appeal was made to several individuals who have shown more than usual interest in this institution, which resulted in the collection of \$275.00, in order that a beginning at least might be made. The work was at once begun by an experienced cataloguer, and has been continued to the present time. But the amount of money given for this purpose is now exhausted, and unless other proprietors and friends of the library come to our aid, the work must be discontinued. This, it is almost needless to say, would prove in every way disadvantageous to the library, not only retarding the progress of the work already well advanced, but making the consultation of the cards a source of disappointment, since although useful as far as they go, they cannot manifest the resources of the library until all the books are catalogued. If the amount needed to complete the undertaking cannot be at once raised, the sum of \$300 would ensure the continuance of the work for another year, by which time it would be possible to estimate with reasonable accuracy the amount of money and the length of time necessary for the completion of the work.

As work on the catalogue advanced during the past winter and spring, it became evident that ere long some means must be provided for making the rapidly accumulating mass of cards accessible to the public. It is with great pleasure, therefore, that the Librarian reports that our President, Mr. LeRoy King, has generously offered to provide for the erection of a catalogue case, large enough to contain not only the cards now on hand, but all that will be required for the completion of the work. The usefulness of

this gift—benefiting as it does so many readers—can scarcely be overestimated, and it is hoped that since the cataloguing is now fairly begun, and a case for holding the cards provided, the proprietors of the library will see to it that means are not wanting to push the work forward without delay.

A review of the work done since last November shows that all the books in the department of biography have been catalogued, class-marked and shelved, and also a portion of description and travels, amounting in all to 3,883 volumes. This together with fiction and American literature previously done, makes a creditable showing for the money expended in the cataloguing department.

During the past year only fifty-six volumes of periodicals have been bound, and twenty-five books re-bound. Notwithstanding all that has been done in the course of the last three years, there still remain in the library several sets of periodicals, folios for the most part, such as the *Scientific American*, *Illustrated London news*, *Harper's weekly*, *Revue des deux mondes*, and some others which are sadly in need of binding, not only to preserve them from injury and loss, but also that they may be readily available for consultation.

As Mr. Henry G. Marquand—to whose generosity in the past the library has been so deeply indebted—has again given the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be used in binding, it will be possible to put many of these in covers, besides continuing the binding of our current periodicals and rebinding such volumes as most need it, of which latter class it may be said that poor material in the first place, no less than the wear and tear of constant usage, makes the necessity of rebinding a constant source of expense.

Since the last report the sum already subscribed for the construction of a gallery on the east side of the reading room, for the accommodation of the rapid accumulation of Government documents and periodicals has been increased by fifteen dollars only, making the amount \$271 of the \$500 needed for the purpose. The Librarian regrets that the past year has not seen the completion of the sum required since

the necessity or additional shelf room is an imperative one, as was shown in the last report.

The appeal to the public each year for money, which has formed so prominent a feature in the past annual reports, is not a pleasing task, and the Librarian would gladly evade it, but that the limited resources of the library leave him no alternative, if the institution is to maintain its standard of excellence as a reading and reference library. A liberal addition to its funds, or a direct gift of money to be applied to the specific purposes designated above would enable its officers to carry out their plans for maintaining and increasing its usefulness, and make it an institution of which Newport may justly be proud.

Four books only were reported lost, one of which has recently been returned. Until a complete catalogue of the library has been made, with corresponding shelf-lists, it will be impossible to determine with accuracy the number of volumes missing, or whether a book supposed to be lost, may simply have been misplaced.

Upon the resignation, last autumn of Mr. S. T. Hopkins, Mr. F. H. Holt was appointed the assistant in charge, and has performed the duties of his position with conscientious care and faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1888-89.

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| American journal of archaeology, | Good words. |
| American journal of science. | Harper's magazine. |
| American naturalist. | Harper's weekly. |
| Appalachia. <i>From</i> Mrs. M. E. Mac- | Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Kaye. | Illustrated London news. |
| Art amateur. | Illustrirte zeitung. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H. |
| Atlantic monthly. | Hayden. |
| Bibliographie de la France. | Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Blackwood's magazine. (Amer. ed.) | Journal of education. |
| Book-buyer. | Journal of the Franklin Institute. |
| Bookseller. | Journal de Genève. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H. |
| Boston daily advertiser. | Hayden. |
| Buchanan's journal. <i>From</i> Geo. H. | Library journal. |
| Calvert. | Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Catalogue U. S. Government publica- | Literary world. |
| tions. | Littell's living age. |
| Century. | London times. (Weekly ed.) |
| Civil service reformer. <i>From</i> Dr. W. | Macmillan's magazine. |
| Gibbs. | Magazine of American history. |
| Civil service record. <i>From</i> Dr. W. | Messenger of peace. <i>From the pub-</i> |
| Gibbs. | lisher. |
| Contemporary review. <i>From</i> Dr. W. | Monthly bulletin. <i>From</i> R. I. Board |
| Gibbs. | of Health. |
| Coöperative index to periodicals. | Murray's magazine. |
| Critic. | Narragansett historical register. <i>From</i> |
| Edinburgh review. (Amer. ed.) | the publisher. |
| English historical review. | Nation. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| English illustrated magazine. | Nature. |
| Fliegende bleatter. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H. | New Church messenger. <i>From the</i> |
| Hayden. | publisher. |
| Fortnightly review. <i>From</i> Dr. W. | New England hist. and geneal. register. |
| Gibbs. | New York evening post. |
| Forum. | New York geneal. and biogr. record. |
| Garden and forest. | New York times. |
| Gentleman's magazine. | New York tribune. |

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| Newport daily news. <i>From the publisher.</i> | Religio-philosophical journal. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Newport journal. <i>From the publisher.</i> | Scientific American. |
| Newport mercury. <i>From the publisher.</i> | Scottish review. (Amer. ed.) |
| Newport observer. <i>From Hon. G. P. Wetmore.</i> | Scribner's magazine. |
| Nineteenth century. | Transactions R. I. Medical Society. <i>From the Society.</i> |
| North American review. | Travelers record. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Notes and queries. (London.) | Trinity Church messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Our dumb animals. <i>From the publisher.</i> | Unitarian review. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Path. <i>Anonymous gift.</i> | U. S. Patent Office gazette. <i>From the U. S. Patent Office.</i> |
| Popular science news. | Unity. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Providence daily journal. | Voice. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Publishers circular. | Westerly Narragansett weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i> |
| Publishers weekly. | Westminster review. (Amer. ed.) |
| Punch. | |
| Quarterly review. (Amer. ed.) | |
| Revue des deux mondes. | |

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Aldrich, Hon. N. W., 1 vol.
 Alger, Miss A., 5 vols., 3 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Almon, A. B., 4 vols., 62 periodicals.
 American Colonization Society, 3 pphs.
 Amherst College, 1 pph.
 Anderson, C. E., 2 vols.
 Anonymous, 15 vols., 3 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Appleton, D., & Co., 1 vol.
 Architectural League of New York, 1 vol.
 Austin, I. J., 2 vols., 240 periodicals.
 Austin, J. O., 3 photogr., 5 pphs.
 Ayer, J. C., 1 vol.
 Baltimore: Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 Baltimore: Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
 Betton, C. G., 1 vol., 33 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Bispham, G. T., 1 pph.
 Boston: Children's Hospital, 1 pph.
 Boston: Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.
 Boston: Public Library, 2 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Brooklyn Library, 2 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Brown, Prof. C. R., 1 pph.
 Bryce, J. S., 1 vol., 1 periodical.
 Bulkley, Mrs. A. I., 1 vol.
 Burnham, G., 1 pph.
 Central Vermont R. R. Co., 2 vols.
 Chase, G. H., 3 photographs.
 Chicago Public Library, 1 pph.
 Chicago: Third Church Publishing Committee, 2 pphs.</p> | <p>Clarke, W. P., 7 periodicals.
 Cobden Club, 2 vols., 37 pphs.
 Collett, C. D., 6 periodicals.
 Concord Free Library, 1 pph.
 Cooke, Prof. J. P., 1 pph.
 Crawford, Bvt. Maj. Gen. S. W., 1 vol.
 Danvers Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
 Dyer, Lieut. A. B., U. S. A., 1 vol.
 Dyer, Hon. E., 1 pph.
 Earle, Pliny, 1 vol.
 Emmons, A. B., 3 vols., 146 pphs., 14 periodicals.
 Enoch Pratt Free Library, 2 pphs.
 Ewing, Gen. T., 1 pph.
 Fall River Public Library, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Fay, E. T., <i>St. Andrew's beacon</i>.
 Fay, H. H., 1 pph.
 Fearing, Mrs. G. R., 31 vols.
 Field, R. B., 1 pph.
 Frothingham, A. L., 1 vol.
 Germantown: Friends Free Library, 1 pph.
 Gibbs, F. A., 1 vol.
 Gibbs, W., 2 vols., 5 pphs., 11 periodicals.
 Goodwin, D., Jr., 1 vol.
 Green, A. H., and others, 1 pph.
 Green, S. A., 2 vols., 5 pphs.
 Halliwell-Phillipps, J. O., 4 vols., 2 pphs.
 Harvard University, 2 vols., 1 periodical.
 Hawkins, R. C., 1 vol.
 Hayden, Mrs. D. H., 4 vols.</p> |
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 Lawrence Public Library, 1 pph.
 Lawrie, Rev. T., 16 pphs.
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 Littlefield, G. A., 8 pphs.
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 Mason, G. C., 1 pph., 3 periodicals.
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 Mass. State Library, 2 vols.
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 New Bedford Public Library, 1 pph.
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 Noyes, I. P., 1 pph.
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 Parker, Dr. W. T., 1 pph.
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 Perkins Institution for the Blind (Boston), 1 pph.
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 R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
 R. I. Medical Society, 1 pph., 1 periodical.
 R. I. Secretary of State, 19 vols.
 R. I. State Board of Health, 2 periodicals.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 2 vols., 2 pphs., 16 periodicals.
 Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
 St. Louis Public Library, 1 pph.
 San Francisco Public Library, 1 pph.
 Sheldon, F., 21 periodicals.
 Smiley, C. W., *American microscopical journal*, 1 pph.
 Smithsonian Institution, 2 vols., 1 pph.
 Springfield (Mass.) City Library, 1 pph.
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 U. S. Department of Interior, 112 vols.
 U. S. Department of State, 37 vols., 12 pphs.
 U. S. Fish Commission, 3 vols.
 U. S. Hydrographic Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. Mint: Director, 3 vols.

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| U. S. Treasury Department, 2 vols. | Woburn Public Library, 1 pph. |
| University of California, 1 pph. | Worcester Public Library, 1 pph. |
| Wales, G. W., 2 vols. | Wormeley, Miss K. P., 6 vols. |
| Waring, Mrs. G. E., 57 vols., 1 periodical. | Wright, C. D., 1 vol. |
| Williams, A., broadside. | Yale University, 1 vol., 1 pph. |

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Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Norman, Stephen H.	1
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Cornell, Richard	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Ray, Robert, Estate,	2
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	1
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Fearing, George R.	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
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Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Foster, John	1	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Smith, Howard	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson,)	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
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Hazard, James L.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
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Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
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		Wetmore, William B.	1
		Willett, Edward M.	1

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Allan, Erastus P.	1	Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2
Allan, W. S. N., Estate,	1	Crandall, Carrie W.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Crandall, George F.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
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Bailey, Samuel C.	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
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Baker, Darius	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Bancroft, George	1	Denniston, George	1
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Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Engs, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
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Brownell, William	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Fludder, James	4
Bull, Henry	1	Fludder, William	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Foster, John	2
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Franklin, Robert S.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate,	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
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Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	1	Gibbes, Sarah B.	1
Chase, Sarah I.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Chase, William L.	1	Gilpin, William	1
Child, Rev. William S.	1	Goffe, Augustus	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Gould, Edward W.	2
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Coggeshall, John S.	1	Greene, William B.	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
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Covell, Robert S.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2

Hammett, James H.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2
Harris, Frank G.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Mason, Ida	1
Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1	Mauran, James E., Estate,	1
Hazard, Charlotte T., (Mrs. John		Morris, Wistar	1
M. Cross.)	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Newton, Dudley	1
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Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T.		Newton, Mary H.	1
G.)	1	Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Norman, Stephen H.	2
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Panin, Ivan N.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Horton, Jeremiah W.		Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L.		Peckham, Henry S.	2
Kane.)	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hunter, Thomas R.	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, Caroline, Estate,	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Jr.,	1	Reynolds, Gardiner B.	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, George G.	4	Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate,	1
King, William H.	6	Richardson, John D.	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Richmond, George A.	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Langley, Job T., Estate,	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Langley, William C.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	4
Lawton, Edward W.	1	Sanborn, John P.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sanford, William H.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V.		Seabury, William G.	1
Wilbur.)	2	Sheffield, William P.	9
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lyon, Joseph, Estate,	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Lyon, Joseph M.	1	Sherman, Susan B.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1

Spooner, Edwin G.	I	Tweedy, Edmund,	2
Spooner, Henry D.	I	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	I
Stevens, Achilles	I	Underwood, William J.	I
Stevens, William, Estate,	I	Van Renssaeler, Alex., Estate,	I
Stevens, William G.	I	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	I
Stewart, Anthony	I	Ward, A. Judson	I
Stoddard, John C.	I	Ward, Henry N.	I
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	I	Weaver, John G.	I
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	I	Weaver, Sarah C.	I
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	I	Weld, William G.	I
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	I	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Terrill, Dr. George	I	Wharton, Thomas I.	I
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	3	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	I
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Wilbour, Mary A.	I
Tilton, Frederic W.	I	Willard, Elisha W.	I
Tompkins, Frederick	I	Wilson, George H.	I
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	I	Woollett, Sidney	I
Townsend, John F., Estate,	I	Woolsey, Theodora W.	I
Turner, Dr. Henry E.	I	Wormeley, Katherine P.	I
Turner, Henry E., Jr.,	I		

LIFE MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)
Bancroft, George
Beach, C. Nicholas
Belmont, August
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Cornell, Richard
Dunn, Thomas
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.

Low, Seth
Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph

RESOLUTIONS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library on Saturday, December 1st, 1888, at four o'clock, p. m., the following Resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have learned with sorrow of the death of James Eddy Mauran, at one time the President of this Institution, therefore,

Resolved, That in his death the Library has lost one of its strongest friends, whose services in its behalf extended through many years.

Resolved, That the members of this Board desire to spread upon their Records their appreciation of his services, his great knowledge and love of books making them unusually valuable.

Resolved, That the tender sympathies of this Board are respectfully extended to his family and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his widow.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Redwood Library on Monday, June 17th, 1889, at four o'clock, p. m., the following Resolutions on the death of Hon. Francis Brinley were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life the Honorable Francis Brinley, long officially connected with this Institution as its President, and as one

of its Directors at the ripe age of eighty-nine years, and it appearing to be proper that we should place upon Record our appreciation of his services in the offices he has so long filled with great usefulness to the Library and honor to himself, it is therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Brinley, we recognize the loss of a gentleman of high character long devoted to the welfare of the Library and to the interests of his adopted city; a man of refined tastes and culture, of genial and attractive manners; a kind and agreeable associate whose loss to this Institution and to ourselves we sincerely deplore; and that we hereby tender our sympathy in her affliction to his bereaved widow.

Resolved, That a copy of this Preamble and Resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary and be forwarded by them to the family of the deceased.

CHARTER.

COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &C.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England, and in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, &c. sheweth, that within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday of time in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven: of them, p.

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be directed in Newport, aforesaid, and having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as to the twofold and diffusive as possible; to which end James Honymen and others have been invited to join him, and so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the purpose, and propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning; which they (Sigs) have accordingly done, &c.: whereupon the said Society hath made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Company do, grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honymen, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted

members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices, and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter, to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well-governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport; due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-

fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof, and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues, as also all the business and affairs of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor.

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary*.

The Charter as amended in 1856.

An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company; viz:—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company, at the Library-room, on the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors; or upon re-

quest, made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect

for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14.—*The President*.—He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meetings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary; and shall himself be a director *ex officio*.

ART. 15.—*The Directors*.—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase

of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regulations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines, or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary.*—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the Company; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Amendment to the Charter passed at the January Session, A. D. 1861.

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Amendment to the Charter passed at
the January Session, A. D. 1867.

An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library
and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in
Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue
any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one
hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the pro-
ceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income
thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such addi-
tional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments
or taxation by the corporation.

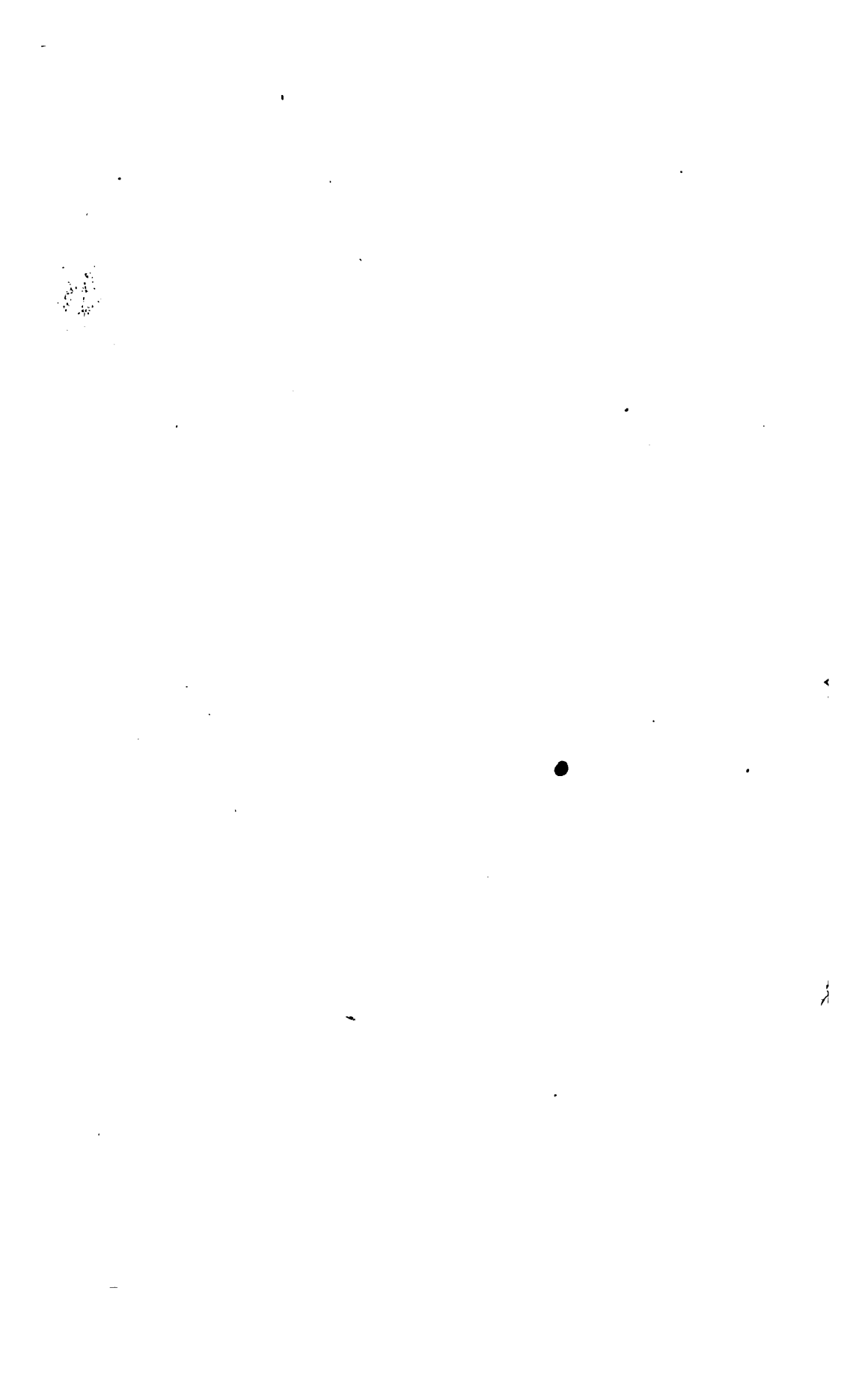
SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation
may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.

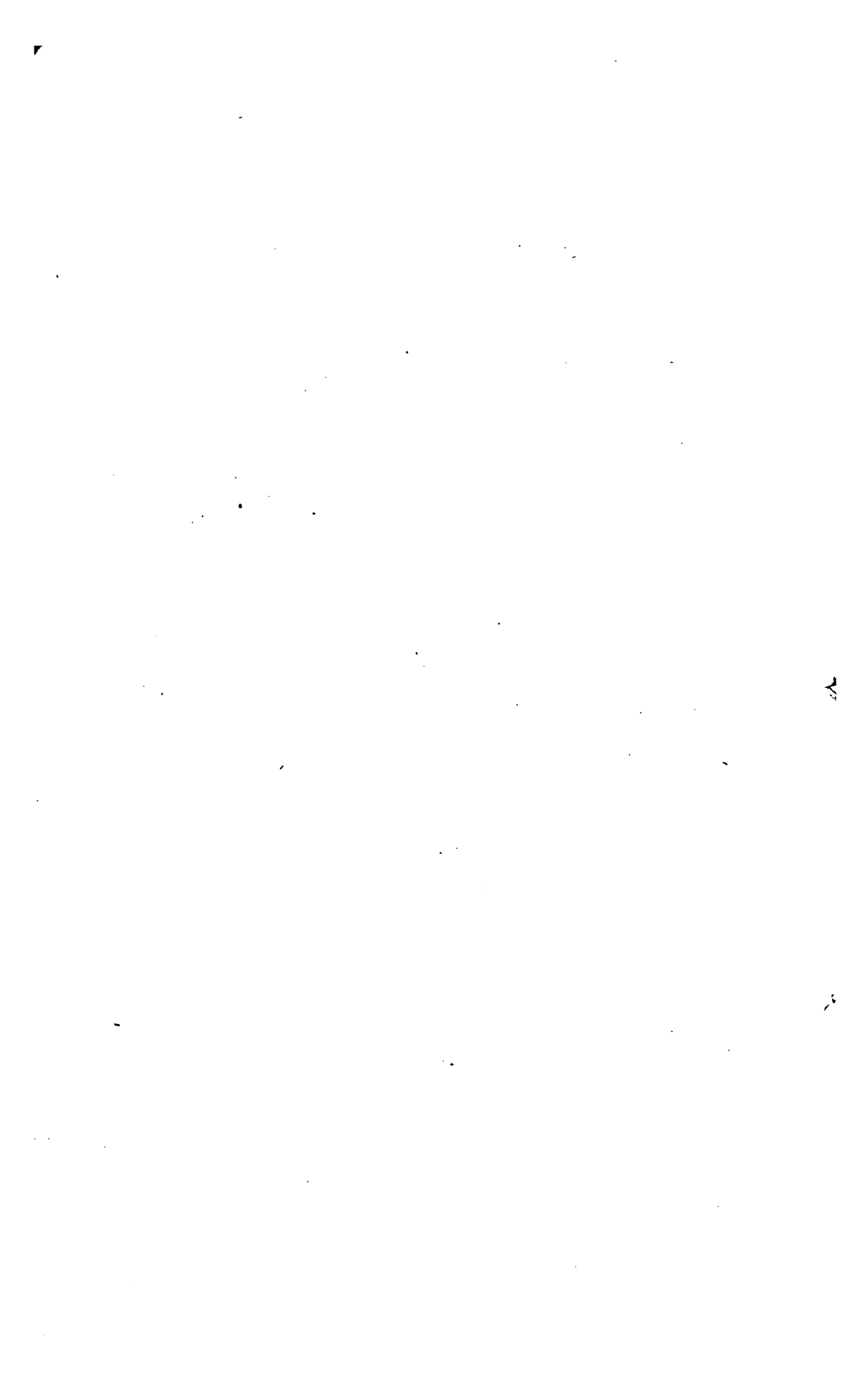
Amendment to the Charter passed at
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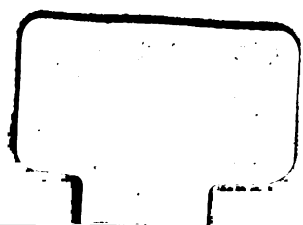
An Act in Amendment of the Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, passed at the October session, A. D. 1790.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Redwood Library Company in the town of Newport shall hereafter be held on the third Wednesday in August, instead of on the third Wednesday in September as heretofore.

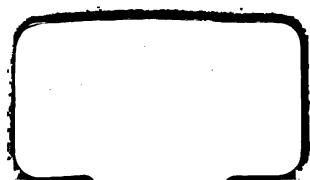












ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1891.



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OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1891-92

PRESIDENT:

LEROY KING,

VICE PRESIDENT:

HENRY H. FAY.

DIRECTORS:

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

DANIEL B. FEARING,

WILLIAM GILPIN,

T. K. GIBBS,

DAVID KING,

GEORGE G. KING,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,

GEORGE C. MASON,

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,

FREDERIC W. TILTON,

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

ALFRED TUCKERMAN,

HENRY E. TURNER.

TREASURER:

GEORGE GORDON KING.

SECRETARY:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors.

ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,	GEORGE C. MASON,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.	

ON FINANCE.

DAVID KING,	T. K. GIBBS,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,	HENRY E. TURNER,
DANIEL B. FEARING.	

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.	

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM GILPIN,	GEORGE C. MASON.
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ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,	GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	ARTHUR B. EMMONS.
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ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, A. D. 1891.

The one hundred and sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 19th, A. D. 1891, at three o'clock p. m.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King, a quorum of the Stockholders, in person or by proxy, being present. The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved, and the President then presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders and the Treasurer's and Librarian's Annual Reports were also presented, and thereupon it was voted that five hundred copies of the President's Report and the accompanying reports with a list of Stockholders be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers were then elected.

<i>President,</i>	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	George Gordon King.
<i>Secretary,</i>	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

Directors.

Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George Gordon King,	Alfred Tuckerman,
Henry G. Marquand,	Henry E. Turner.

Mr. Andrew B. Almon was elected a Director but declined a re-election. The following persons having received transfers of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation: Mrs. Susan W. d'Hautville, Louis B. McCagg, F. Augustus Ward, P. Coggeshall Chase, Mrs. W. K. Thorn.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter be assessed upon each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Edison Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing a pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and Thomas P. Peckham be a committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum respectfully present their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 19th, 1891.

The Directors at their meeting on September 10, 1890, voted to allow the Edison Illuminating Company to erect a pole, upon which the Company's wires could be hung, in front of the Library Estate on the East side of Bellevue Avenue, and to maintain the said pole for one year from September 10, 1890, on condition that at the expiration of that time the said Edison Company remove it from the Library Estate and stipulate before erecting it never thereafter to erect any pole to the East of the centre of Bellevue Avenue in front of the said Estate and that they pay a rent of Five Dollars for the use of the said location: and it was further voted, that before erecting said pole, the Edison Company shall deliver to this Corporation a stipulation prepared and executed to the satisfaction of Mr. William P. Sheffield to carry into effect the above resolution.

The Directors report that the Edison Company duly

executed a stipulation to the satisfaction of Mr. Sheffield and that the said Company erected a pole at a place designated by Mr. David King in accordance with the Resolution of the Board passed September 10, 1890; said place being situated on the sidewalk in front of the Library premises four feet north of your south line and next the curbing.

At a meeting of the Directors on November 26th a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Joseph H. Patten of Brooklyn for the gift of a portrait of her late husband, a native of Newport. The portrait is by Alexander and has been hung on the A. M. King memorial gallery.

At a meeting of the Directors held on November 26, 1890, George Gordon King the Treasurer, and Hamilton B. Tompkins were appointed a committee to withdraw from the Savings Bank such Funds of the Library as they saw fit, and to invest the same in their discretion in railroad mortgage bonds. In February of this year the Committee made their Report which was received and approved with thanks and the Committee was then discharged.

The Committee reported that from the General Current Expense Fund in the Savings Bank they had withdrawn \$6,911.52 and from the Special Preferred Share Fund in said Bank they had withdrawn \$5,000, in all \$11,911.52 and with this sum they had bought twelve Bonds, eleven of them paying 5% and one paying 4%. The following is the list of the bonds bought and prices paid:—

Three gold bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 3,415, 4,307, 4,308, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal mortgage 5% @ 102½ and com.,			\$3,078.75
Principal due 1914.			
Two gold bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 3,326 3,327, East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia consolidated mortgage 5% @ 103¾ and com.,			2,077.50
Principal due 1956.			
Two currency bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 4,769, 4,770, Chicago & West Michigan 5% mortgage @ 93 and com.,			1,877.50
Principal due 1921.			

One currency bond (par value \$1,000) numbered 862, Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company of Iowa first mortgage 5% @ 98 and com.,	981.25
Express .50 and Interest \$3.52,	4.02
Principal due 1906.	
One gold bond (par value \$1,000) numbered 11,312, Oregon Railway & Navigation consolidated 5% @ 94 and com.,	941.25
Principal due 1925.	
One gold bond (par value \$1,000) numbered 2,391, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company, Montana extension first mortgage 4% @ 85 and com.,	851.25
Principal due 1937.	
Two gold bonds (par value \$1,000 each) numbered 21, 22, Newport & Wickford Railroad & Steamboat Co., first mortgage 5% @ 105,	2,100.00
Principal due 1921.	
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	<u>\$11,911.52</u>

The income of the Incidental Account is increased \$110 a year by these judicious investments.

Mr. Theodore M. Davis of Newport has presented the Library with three sections of papyrus from the mummy case of Amenhetop, of the 20th Dynasty (about 1,000 B. C.) passed as genuine by the British Museum. This papyrus which contains a portion of the ritual "Book of the Dead" has been framed at his request and now hangs in the East room. The Directors duly thanked him.

During the year the Library has received the last volume of H. H. Bancroft's "History of the Pacific States" making thirty-nine volumes in all which completes the publication.

Annals of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I., by George Champlin Mason, is the title of a new book by our highly esteemed Director.

The book is published by the Evans Printing House, of Philadelphia, and is a handsome volume.

It is a very valuable addition to the Historical Books of Newport and does its author great credit, while to this

Institution especially it will prove of lasting benefit. A friend of the Library has written the following in praise of the book:

"History of the Redwood Library by G. C. Mason. Redwood may congratulate itself on having the most faithful history possible by the loving hands of an historian in hearty sympathy with itself. It is a most successful effort to preserve the choicest antiquity of Newport. For indeed with the exception of old people, whom strangely enough, modern progress allows to live longer than formerly, hardly anything old is left here. All the more remarkable, Redwood Library lives a still vigorous life. Very great labor has been bestowed on the work and nothing seems to have escaped Mr. Mason's researches. We cannot praise too highly his conscientious thoroughness. The style is simple but adequate. Of course the engrossing subject is the Library: incidentally the narrative is very suggestive of the early history of Newport. Its notes contain brief but careful memoirs of prominent personages. Familiar names are constantly recurring in these pages, and the text gives us frequent intimations of what transpired in Newport during those days. So that we form hence no indistinct idea of Society. The men who founded Redwood Library were educated men, evidently conversant with literature and science. Some of them were acquainted with the classics. They were interested in Theology and Philosophy. They read history largely. The books they chose show this. To what extent they read novels it is impossible to say as Mr. Mason discovers few of this kind, and our observing Librarian was not there to classify the readers. It is however, not easy to conceive of Abraham Redwood and President Styles indulging much in that kind of reading which now satisfies the intellectual wants of a large proportion of subscribers and perhaps on principles of assimilation has much to do with characterizing the present civilization of Newport. The History is necessarily limited by the war of the Revolution, during which we almost lose sight of the Library, still it continued to exist

throughout those years. When we think of the desolation which then prevailed, we are filled with admiration of the perseverance with which the people maintained their Library, showing how highly they valued it. Mr. Mason has told the tale of succeeding years fully and clearly, the awakening of new interest, the various and generous gifts of benefactors, among whom it is pleasant to recognize old and familiar Newport names, and one cannot but hope more of the descendants of the early supporters of Redwood will honor their lineage in the same way. Already the Library supplies large means of reference but it invites hearty contributions that it may afford instruction to all."

The Directors at their meeting on July 13, 1891, voted to purchase of Mr. Mason twenty volumes of the "Annals" for distribution among the friends of this Institution; and appointed the President and Mr. Mason to be a committee to dispose of them in their discretion. The committee report that thus far they have presented (on behalf of the Directors) the following persons with one copy each and that very gratifying letters of thanks have been received:—

Mr. Charles H. Russell,
Mr. John Foster,
Mrs. John Carter Brown,
Hon. G. P. Wetmore,
Miss Ellen Mason,
Major T. K. Gibbs,
Mrs. Henry Ledyard,
Mr. George W. Gibbs,
Mrs. W. F. Weld,
Mr. George W. Wales.

Through the good offices of Mr. Mason the Library has received a beautiful copy No. 43 of the Dreer collection of autographs with the compliments of Ferdinand J. Dreer, Esq.

The Library is again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for the binding of books; also for a gift of two

hundred dollars from George Gordon King for the purchase of books of fiction. Mr. King has also given seventy-five dollars to the Book Account, enabling the Library to pay all bills against that account to August 1, 1891.

An effort has been made during the year to increase the General Current Expense Fund, and as a result the following persons have given these sums :—

Mr. Joseph Tuckerman,	\$100.00
Mr. Alfred Tuckerman,	100.00
Mrs. Edward King,	100.00
Miss Mary LeRoy King,	100.00

In all,	<u>\$400.00</u>
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The Directors have sold during the year two Special Preferred Shares of \$100, each, free from all assessments, one to Mrs. Susan W. d'Hautville and one to Louis B. McCagg.

In May last, the President laid before the Directors an interesting letter from Joseph Peace Hazard, Esq., of Peacedale, R. I., giving a history of the iron wheel and portion of the iron chain now placed on either side of the front entrance to the Library. Mr. Hazard at the same time offered to bear the expense of properly painting the same and of having solid foundations placed under them. Mr. Mason was requested to attend to the matter in accordance with the directions contained in the letter and has done so to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Hazard and the Directors.

Mr. Hazard has presented the Library with a portrait of himself by Miss Jane Stuart, daughter of Gilbert Stuart, and the Directors, at their meeting on August 10, 1891, specially thanked him for the same.

The work on the catalogue has progressed satisfactorily during the year. The number of books catalogued since the last annual meeting is 5,429, making the total number to date 16,196. The number of cards in use is 50,000 and the amount paid Mrs. Bliss for this year's work, from August 1, 1890, to August 1, 1891, is \$372.90.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented. The

Librarian's Report is also herewith presented. The number of books added during the year by purchase is 506, by gift 420, 250 pamphlets, 210 periodicals. The number of books now in the Library is 36,291.

All which is respectfully submitted by

LEROY KING, President,
for the Directors.

DR. **Redwood Library and Athenæum, in account with George Gordon King, Treasurer.**

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By balance from old account, Incidental, \$18.97; Library Book Account, \$21.08; Catalogue, \$1.65; H. G. M. Fund, \$53.65;	
By amount received for 145 Taxes,	\$131.20
" " " " for Subscriptions,	725.00
" " " " for Fines,	225.00
By dividends J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	32.73
" " William S. Rogers Book Fund,	200.00
" " Robert Rogers Book Fund,	160.00
" " George G. King Book Fund,	40.00
" " " " Special Preferred Share Fund,	40.00
" " General Current Expense Fund,	
By coupons Library Book Account,	140.68
" " Incidental Account,	172.75
" " " "	575.00
By amount received for Catalogue,	120.00
" " from sale of 2 Special Shares,	371.30
By donations to General Current Expense Fund,	200.00
" " from George Gordon King for Fiction account,	400.00
By general donations,	200.00
	<hr/> \$84.02
	<hr/> <u>\$4,418.58</u>
By balance to new account,	
1891.	\$18.97

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MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, W. S. Rogers	\$3,000.00
" " " " Robert Rogers	4,000.00
" " " " George G. King	1,000.00
" " " " David King	1,000.00
" Mortgage Bonds, Houston & Texas R. R. 6% David King	917.76
" " Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5% Littlefield Book Fund,	2,000.00
" Mortgage Bond, Atchison, Colorado & Pacific 6% Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
" " " "	1,000.00

Total Amount of Book Funds,

1	Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,231.29
2	" " General Current Expense Fund,	1,222.11
3	" " "	1,000.00
4	1 Mortgage Bond,	2,000.00
5	" " Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 4%	1,000.00
6	" " St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%	1,000.00
7	" " Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%	3,078.75
8	" " Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%	2,077.50
9	" " East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%	1,877.50
10	" " Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%	985.27
11	" " Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern R. R. 5%	941.25
12	" " Oregon Railway & Navigation R. R. 5%	851.25
13	" " St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, Montana Ext. R. R. 4%	2,100.00
14	" " Newport & Wickford R. R. & S. B. Co, 5%	
15	Total Funds,	\$34,282.68

This is to certify that we have examined the above accounts, and have inventoried the invested Funds and find them correct as per memorandum herewith.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., } Auditing Committee.
 THOMAS P. PECKHAM }

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19, 1891.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the ninth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1890-91.

The accessions to the library during the past year are summarized in the following table, which shows that while the purchases have increased, the accessions by gift, whether of books, pamphlets or numbers of periodicals, have diminished.

No. of volumes in the library, August 20, 1890,	35,220
No. of volumes added by purchase,	506
No. of volumes added by donation,	420
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals,	145
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Total in the library, August 19, 1891,	36,291
Pamphlets added,	250
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	65

It will be noted, by reference to the previous report, that the number of books added by purchase exceeds that of last year by 101 volumes, but of this number, only 256, as will be manifest further on, were credited to the library book funds, so that the number of books actually purchased by the library, is 149 volumes less than during the previous year. Last winter, in spite of the fact that fewer books were being bought, and that purchases had been made in only four months of the library year, the quarterly report

of the Treasurer at the beginning of the present calendar year revealed the unwelcome truth that the amount available for the purchase of books for the whole year had been exhausted, and consequently the purchase of all books except, of course, works published in sets for which the library had contracted, was discontinued.

Not only is it imperative that the funds of the library for the purchase of general literature be increased, but money is wanted to replenish the reference department which is greatly in need of additions, many of the reference books being altogether out of date. For example the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary which we have is that of 1865, and the only concordance of the Bible which the library owns is dated 1662. While the library is fairly well supplied with general biographical dictionaries there is great need of special dictionaries in many departments, particularly in science technology and the fine arts. The new edition of Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, as well as some good dictionary of Christian Antiquities, should replace our old ones, now quite antiquated themselves. We have no modern dictionary of architecture, no adequate dictionary of painters and engravers, and none whatever of a later date than 1865. Several of the more recent dictionaries of geography and local gazetteers should be found upon our shelves, and, above all, the library ought, unquestionably, to own the grand encyclopedic dictionary of Larousse, which is a whole library in itself. Even among philological dictionaries there is urgent need for large additions. Some of our dictionaries of this class are very old, and several languages, such as Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Modern Greek and Russian are unrepresented in the library by any dictionary or grammar whatever. That these deficiencies in the reference department should be filled up at the earliest possible moment is most evident, but that this cannot be done from the small sum at present devoted to the purchase of books is equally evident.

Last autumn Mr. George Gordon King seeing how few

were the works of fiction which the library was able to buy, and recognizing the desirability of having more books in this department, generously gave \$200 to be expended in the purchase of current fiction. With this sum 250 volumes were bought, catalogued and put in circulation before the end of the year. The immediate result of this opportune gift may be seen in the table of comparative circulation in the increased fiction issue for January and succeeding months. Unfortunately, no novels have been bought since the first of the year, and the few additions which have been made to this class since then have been owing to gifts. Through the generosity of Mr. H. G. Marquand the Stevens *Fac-similes of American MSS.*, mention of which was made in the last report, have been continued during the past year, the ninth volume having recently been received. The library has also had serviceable gifts of books from W. W. Sherman, Miss G. Sherman and Mrs. George R. Fearing, and the first volume of the Dreer catalogue of autographs from Mr. F. J. Dreer.

The table of comparative circulation below shows a large increase in the number of books issued for home use during the year as compared with the year before, the excess being over 1700 volumes. In fact the circulation for the current year is larger than for any year in the past of which a record has been kept. There is no doubt that this rate of issue could not only be maintained but increased if the income for the purchase of books could be augmented. Most of the books issued from this library during the past twelve months are works which have been published during the year. There is very little call, except perhaps among novels, for books over two years old, and almost no call, unless by students, for books published five or more years ago. Hence it is evident that the supply of new books, and new books in all departments of literature to suit the various tastes of readers, must be kept up if the library is to maintain its standard of circulation. The class which shows the greatest increase is naturally fiction. That this

increase is chiefly due to the number of works of this kind which were added near the close of the year is unquestionable. When compared with the circulation in other departments the proportion of novels issued, 60.7%, cannot be considered large, nor does it differ materially in this respect from that of most other libraries. The use of books within the walls of the library remains about the same as usual; no record, however, has been kept of the number of books thus consulted.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

<i>1881</i>	<i>1882</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>1890</i>	<i>1891</i>
7833	9383	8376	7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

A.	Philosophy,	.	.	50
B.	Religion and Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	118
C.	Biography,	.	.	696
D.	History,	.	.	514
E.	Description and travels,	.	.	492
F.	Social and political science,	.	.	73
G.	Natural science,	.	.	221
H.	Useful arts (including medicine),	.	.	78
I.	Fine arts and archæology,	.	.	95
J.	Literature :			
Ja.	Collected works and essays,	.	.	219
Jb.	Greek and Latin classics,	.	.	21
Jc.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	218
Jd.	Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	1112
Je.	Letters,	.	.	32
Jf.	Speeches and lectures,	.	.	9
Jg.	Fiction and juveniles,	.	.	6822
Jh.	Poetry and drama,	.	.	291
K.	Literary history,	.	.	155
L.	Language,	.	.	6
M.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	7
	Total,	.	.	11228

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

AUGUST, 1890, TO JULY, 1891, INCLUSIVE.

<i>Months.</i>	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	Ja.	Jb.	Jc.	Jd.	Je.	Jf.	Jg.	Jh.	K.	L.	M.	<i>Total.</i>
August, 1890,	10	17	71	78	50	5	17	10	14	29	1	32	116	8	1	485	31	21	1	—	997
September,	8	10	81	52	55	14	35	5	18	40	3	18	106	5	2	476	30	12	—	—	970
October,	2	10	60	50	55	11	24	11	8	16	1	22	102	7	1	538	47	15	—	2	982
November,	2	13	54	43	44	5	20	9	9	6	3	3	132	3	—	552	24	13	1	1	937
December,	3	9	43	20	39	—	18	4	1	17	5	7	57	1	—	550	19	9	—	1	803
January, 1891,	5	11	62	53	52	5	15	3	15	21	2	17	110	—	—	604	19	12	3	1	1010
February,	7	7	58	22	56	4	10	4	6	16	—	12	75	1	—	602	21	12	—	—	913
March,	3	10	62	34	29	7	12	8	6	11	—	13	76	1	2	630	24	10	—	1	939
April,	3	6	47	37	19	4	19	8	1	20	2	13	83	2	3	539	23	6	—	—	835
May,	1	7	55	31	25	3	16	6	3	9	2	18	64	—	—	503	12	15	—	—	770
June,	2	4	55	36	36	8	16	5	5	21	—	30	94	1	—	604	15	17	—	—	949
July,	4	12	48	58	32	7	19	5	9	13	2	33	97	3	—	739	26	13	1	1	1122
<i>Total,</i>	50	118	696	514	492	73	221	78	95	219	21	218	1112	32	9	6822	291	515	6	7	11228

The report from Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, shows that uninterrupted and rapid progress has been made in the preparation of the card catalogue during the past library year. The number of volumes catalogued since last August is 5,429, which is an excess of 1,299 over that reported for the previous year. The whole number now catalogued is 16,196 volumes. This year, owing to the nature of the subjects taken up, very many of the works have required extended analysis, and though the number of analyticals has probably not exceeded that of the previous year the labour involved has been greater, as the entries have generally been longer. When, in addition to this, the intricate character of the subject-matter is considered, it will be seen that the increase in the rate of cataloguing is owing entirely to the skill and energy of the cataloguer. The number of volumes at present finished shows that about half the library has been catalogued. It is true that the estimated number of volumes in the library is about 36,000, but undoubtedly this number, based on yearly accessions and not verified by actual count, with no record of worn out volumes removed, is too high, and will be considerably reduced by the abstraction of duplicates, which are removed from the collection as the cataloguing proceeds. It may then be safely asserted that the work of cataloguing is very nearly half done. It is not likely that the remaining portion will prove more difficult than the part already done, and hence will require about the same time in doing. It is probable therefore that three more years will see the work completed if means can be found to carry it on.

That so much has already been accomplished is largely owing to the lively interest your president has taken in the work, and the pecuniary aid which he, in union with a few other friends of the library, has so generously given. It is earnestly hoped that the work which has now been carried on so far will not be permitted to stop for lack of means, but that the other users of the library, who daily benefit by the existence of the catalogue, and who have not hitherto

contributed, will be induced to do so and thus insure the completion of the undertaking.

The departments catalogued during the past year have been the whole of history, Latin classics, Shaksperiana, and a portion of English literature. The subjects still to be done are Philosophy, Theology and Ecclesiastical history, Sociology, Law, Politics, Useful and Fine arts, and the Greek classics. Of course new books are catalogued as they are received.

Once more the library is indebted to the liberality of Mr. H. G. Marquand for the money spent in binding its books and periodicals—this gentleman having again contributed the sum of \$250 for this purpose, thus adding one more to the many favours which the library has received from him. The sum thus liberally given is sufficient to ensure the binding of the most important of current periodicals, and such paper-covered books as we receive, as well as to rebind some worn volumes, but our periodical list is so large, and the frailty of the publishers book covers so great, that a considerably larger sum could profitably be employed in putting the unbound and dilapidated material of the library into a serviceable form.

The need of enlarged shelf accommodation is one which is beginning to make itself felt once more. While the gallery addition which was put up two years ago has materially relieved the crowded condition of the shelves, it is found that still more room is required for an orderly arrangement of the books. The rapid accumulation of public documents, moreover, makes the necessity of additional shelving daily more apparent. Two thirds of the Reading Room gallery shelves are now occupied with public documents, and they are beginning to overflow on to the tops of the cases in the East Room. The whole of the Reading Room gallery should be reserved for these documents, but in that case room must be found for the other books now located there. As this space cannot be found on the floor of the library it is proposed to build two galleries over

the cases in the Delivery Room, connecting with the Reading Room gallery by arches through the partition wall. These, it is estimated, will accommodate over 3000 volumes, and the cost will be about \$600. A subscription list for contributions to this object is posted in the Delivery Room, and has been headed by Messrs. G. P. Wetmore, Alfred Tuckerman and H. B. Tompkins.

Since the last report the art department of the library has been the recipient of the following additions: A fine oil portrait, by Alexander, of Joseph H. Patten (born in Newport in 1801), the gift of Mrs. Joseph H. Patten. An oil portrait, by Miss Jane Stuart, of Joseph P. Hazard, of Peacedale, R. I., the gift of Mr. Hazard. Three mounted and framed specimens of hieroglyphic papyrus presented by Theodore M. Davis, of Newport. These specimens are portions of the Egyptian Book of the Dead from the mummy case of Amenhetap who flourished in the 20th Dynasty (about 1000 B. C.). They are at present deposited in the East Room.

The known losses this year embrace one number of Good Words, and Williams' Life of Barton and Olney, the borrower of which tacitly refuses to return it.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1890-91.

American journal of archaeology.	Good words.
American journal of science.	Hardwicke's science gossip.
American naturalist.	Harper's magazine.
Art amateur.	Harper's weekly.
Atlantic monthly.	Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)	Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>
Book-buyer.	Illustrated London news.
Bookseller.	Illustrirte zeitung. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>
Boston daily advertiser.	The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
Boston daily post.	Jewelers weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i>
Catalogue U. S. Government publications.	Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>
Century.	Journal of education.
Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i>	Journal of the Franklin Institute.
Civil service reformer. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>	Library journal.
Civil service record. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>	Lippincott's magazine.
Contemporary review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>	Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>
Coöperative index to periodicals.	Literary world.
Critic.	Littell's living age.
Edinburgh review. (American edition.)	London times. (Weekly edition.)
Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>	Longman's magazine.
English historical review.	Macmillan's magazine.
English illustrated magazine.	Magazine of American history.
Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>	Murray's magazine.
Fortnightly review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>	Narragansett historical register. <i>From the publisher.</i>
Forum.	Nature.
Garden and forest.	New Church messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>
	New England historical and genealogical register.

- New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Newport observer. *From Hon. G. P. Wetmore.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Pall Mall budget.
 Path. *Anonymous gift.*
 Political science quarterly.
 Popular science news.
 Providence daily journal.
 Publishers circular.
 Publishers weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)
- Review of reviews.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Religio-philosophical journal. *From the publisher.*
 Royal Geographical Society, proceedings. *From F. Sheldon.*
 St. James budget.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scientific American.
 Scottish review.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Spectator.
 Temple bar.
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*
 Trinity Church messenger. *From the publisher.*
 Unitarian review. *From the publisher.*
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
 Unity. *From the publisher.*
 Voice. *From the publisher.*
 Westerly Narragansett weekly. *From the publisher.*

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p> Aldrich, Hon. N. W., 1 pph.
 Almon, A. B., 4 vols., 1 pph.
 Almy, Benjamin, 1 pph.
 American Colonization Society, 2 pphs.
 American Society of Microscopists, 1 pph.
 Amherst College, 1 pph.
 Anonymous, 14 vols., 2 pphs.
 Ashhurst, Mrs. W. H., 3 vols.
 Ball, Nicholas, 1 pph.
 Bell St. Chapel, Providence, 2 vols.
 Bentley, Mrs. H. A., 18 vols.
 Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.
 Boston Record Commissioners, 2 vols.
 Brinley, E. L., 1 vol.
 Cobden Club, 1 pph.
 Collet, C. D., 3 vols.
 Cust, R. N., 2 vols.
 Dreer, F. J., 1 vol.
 Emmons, A. B., 2 vols., 91 pphs., 7 periodicals.
 Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1 vol.
 Fearing, A. C., Jr., 2 vols.
 Fearing, Mrs. G. R., 14 vols., 1 pph.
 Fosdick, C. R., 1 vol.
 Frothingham, E. L. and A. L., 1 vol.
 Gibbs, Miss E. O., 1 vol.
 Gibbs, F. A., 1 vol.
 Gibbs, Dr. W., 3 vols., 35 pphs.
 Grand Rapids Board of Trade, 1 pph.
 Green, S. A., M. D., 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Griffis, Rev. W. E., 1 vol. </p> | <p> Guild, H. R., 1 pph.
 Hammett, C. E., Jr., 1 vol.
 Harvard College, 2 vols.
 Hayden, Mrs. D. H., 8 periodicals.
 Humane Lit. Comm. S. P. C. A., 1 vol.
 Hunter, Miss A., 1 periodical.
 Ingersoll, E., 1 vol.
 King, Mrs. Edward, 1 vol.
 Ladd, Mrs. C. F., 19 vols.
 Langley, Mr. and Mrs. A. G., 20 vols., 4 pphs., 11 periodicals.
 Lawrence Free Library, 1 pph.
 Lawton, William H., Jr., 1 map.
 Librarian, The, 10 vols., 1 pph.
 Library Company of Philadelphia, 2 pphs.
 Little, Mrs. Sophia L., 1 vol.
 McAllister, Ward, 1 vol.
 Marquand, H. G., 5 vols.
 Mason, G. C., 3 vols.
 Mason, Miss I. M., 1 vol.
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 3 pphs.
 Massachusetts State Library, 2 vols.
 Mendes, A. P., 1 engraving.
 Michigan State Board of Health, 1 vol., 6 pphs.
 National Executive Silver Committee, 1 pph.
 Newport, R. I., City Clerk, 1 vol.
 Newport, R. I., Supt. of Public Schools, 2 vols., 1 pph.
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol. </p> |
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- Niagara State Reservation Commissioners, 1 pph.
 Nickerson, Miss, 3 vols.
 Northam, E. F., *Estate*, 1 vol.
 Pell, Howland, 1 vol.
 Perkins Institution for the Blind, 1 pph.
 Pitkin, Prof. C. A., 3 pphs.
 Powel, Miss, 21 vols., 21 periodicals.
 Providence Journal, 1 pph.
 Rankin, Dr. F. H., 1 vol.
 R. I. Board of State Charities, 1 pph.
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 R. I. Historical Society, 4 pphs.
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 R. I. Secretary of State, 1 vol.
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 Rogers, Prof. Fairman, 19 vols.
 Romero, Don Malias, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 1 vol.
 Royal Society of Canada, 2 vols.
 Sawin, J. M., 1 pph.
 Sheldon, Frederick, 19 periodicals.
 Sherman, Miss Georgette, 59 vols.
 Sherman, W. Watts, 35 vols.
 Slafter, Rev. E. F., 1 pph.
 Smithsonian Institution, 2 vols., 6 pphs., 1 periodical.
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 Waring, George E., Jr., 1 pph.
 Waterhouse, Sylvester, 7 pphs.
 Wetmore, Mrs. George P., 24 periodicals.
 Wharton, Mrs. E. R., 4 vols.
 White, J. S., 2 pphs.
 Whitney, Hon. William, 1 vol.
 Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 1 pph.
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LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M.	1	Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	1	Malcom, Rev. Charles H.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Marquand, Henry G.	1
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B.		Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Lyman,)	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Caldwell, William S. Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Norman, George H.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,		Parish, Daniel, Jr.	1
Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augustus	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sanford, Henry S., Estate,	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sears, David, Estate,	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	1
Foster John	1	Smith, Howard,	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M.		Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Thompson,)	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Humphrey, Mrs. P. E., Estate		Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Wales, George W.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Kennedy, H. Van Renssalaer	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
King, & LeRoy	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Willett, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Crandall, Carrie W.	1
Allan, W. S. N., Estate,	1	Crandall, George F.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Bailey, Samuel C., Estate,	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	Denniston, George	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Dunn, Thomas	1
Boit, Edward D., Estate,	4	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Engs, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Brownell, William	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Buffum, William P.	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Bull, Henry	1	Fludder, James	4
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Fludder, William	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Foster, John	2
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Franklin, Robert S.	1
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate,	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Callender, Elizabeth,	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Calvert, George H., Estate,	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	1	Gibbes, R. Morgan, Estate,	2
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gibbes, Sarah B.	1
Chase, William L.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Child, Rev. William S.	1	Gilpin, William	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Goffe, Augustus	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Gould, Edward W.	2
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Greene, William B.	1
Cornell, Ellen	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Cottrell, Michael	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Covell, Robert S.	1	Hamilton, William	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2

Hammett, James H.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2
Harris, Frank G.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Mason, Ida	1
Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1	Mauran, James E., Estate,	1
Hazard, Charlotte T., (Mrs. John		Morris, Wistar	1
M. Cross.)	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Newton, Dudley	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Newton, Edward	1
Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T.		Newton, Mary H.	1
G.)	1	Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	2
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Panin, Ivan N.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L.		Peckham, Henry S.	2
Kane.)	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Kane, Delancey, Estate,	8	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, Clarence	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Jr.,	1	Reynolds, Gardiner B.	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, George G.	4	Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate,	1
King, William H.	6	Richardson, John D.	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Richmond, George A.	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Langley, Job T., Estate,	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Langley, William C.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	4
Lawton, Edward W.	1	Sanborn, John P.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sanford, William H.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V.		Seabury, William G.	1
Wilbur.)	2	Sheffield, William P.	9
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lyon, Joseph, Estate,	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Lyon, Joseph M.	1	Sherman, Susan B.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
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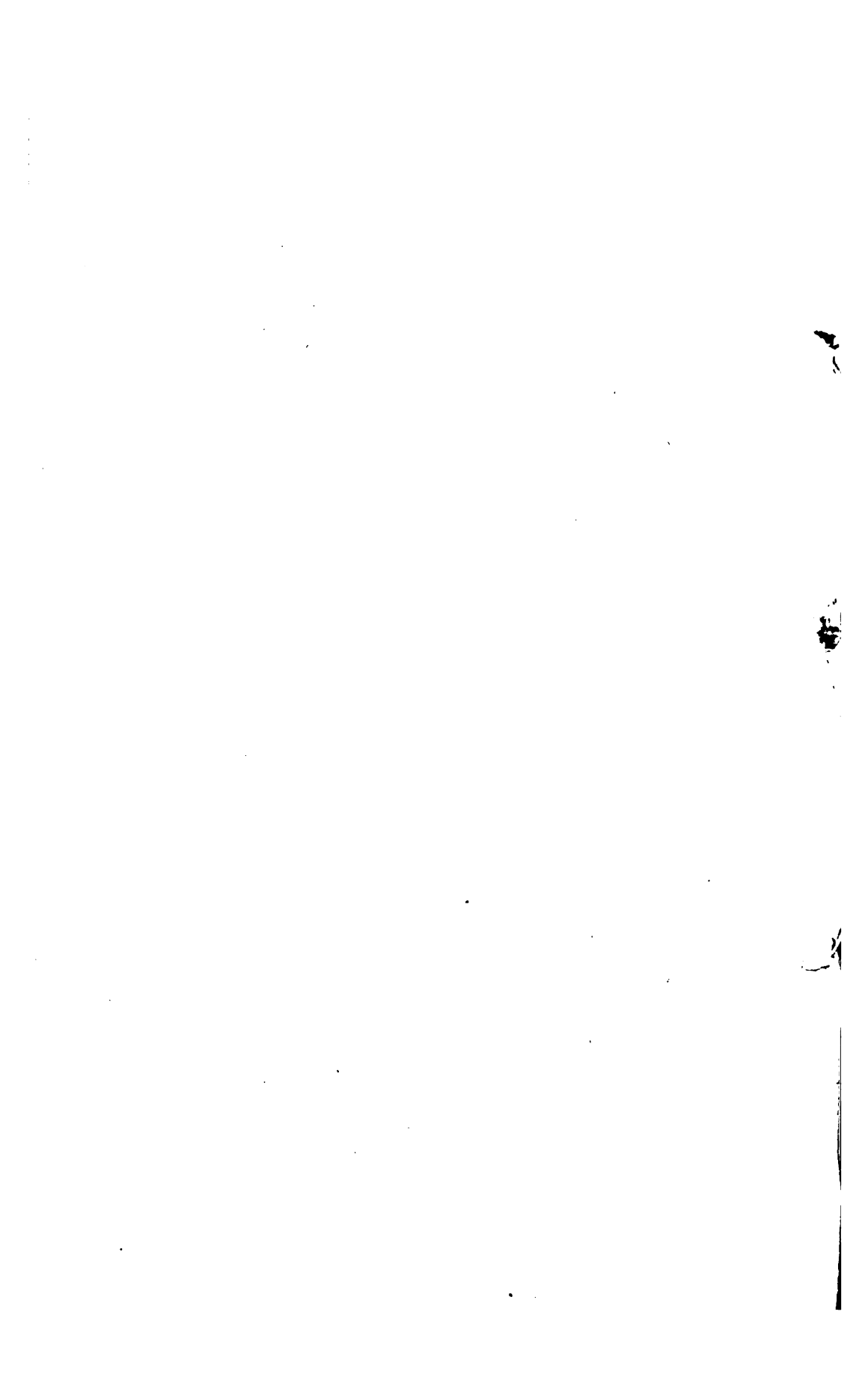
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Stevens, Achilles	1	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1
Stevens, William, Estate,	1	Underwood, William J.	1
Stevens, William G.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1
Stoddard, John C.	1	Ward, F. Augustus	1
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	1	Weaver, John G.	1
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1	Weaver, Sarah C.	1
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1	Weld, William G.	1
Terrill, Dr. George	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1	Wharton, Thomas I.	1
Thomas, Addison	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Thurston, Benjamin E.	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Tilton, Frederic W.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Tompkins, Frederic	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
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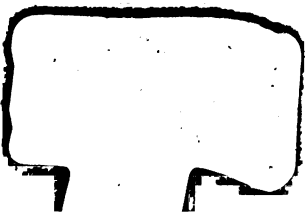
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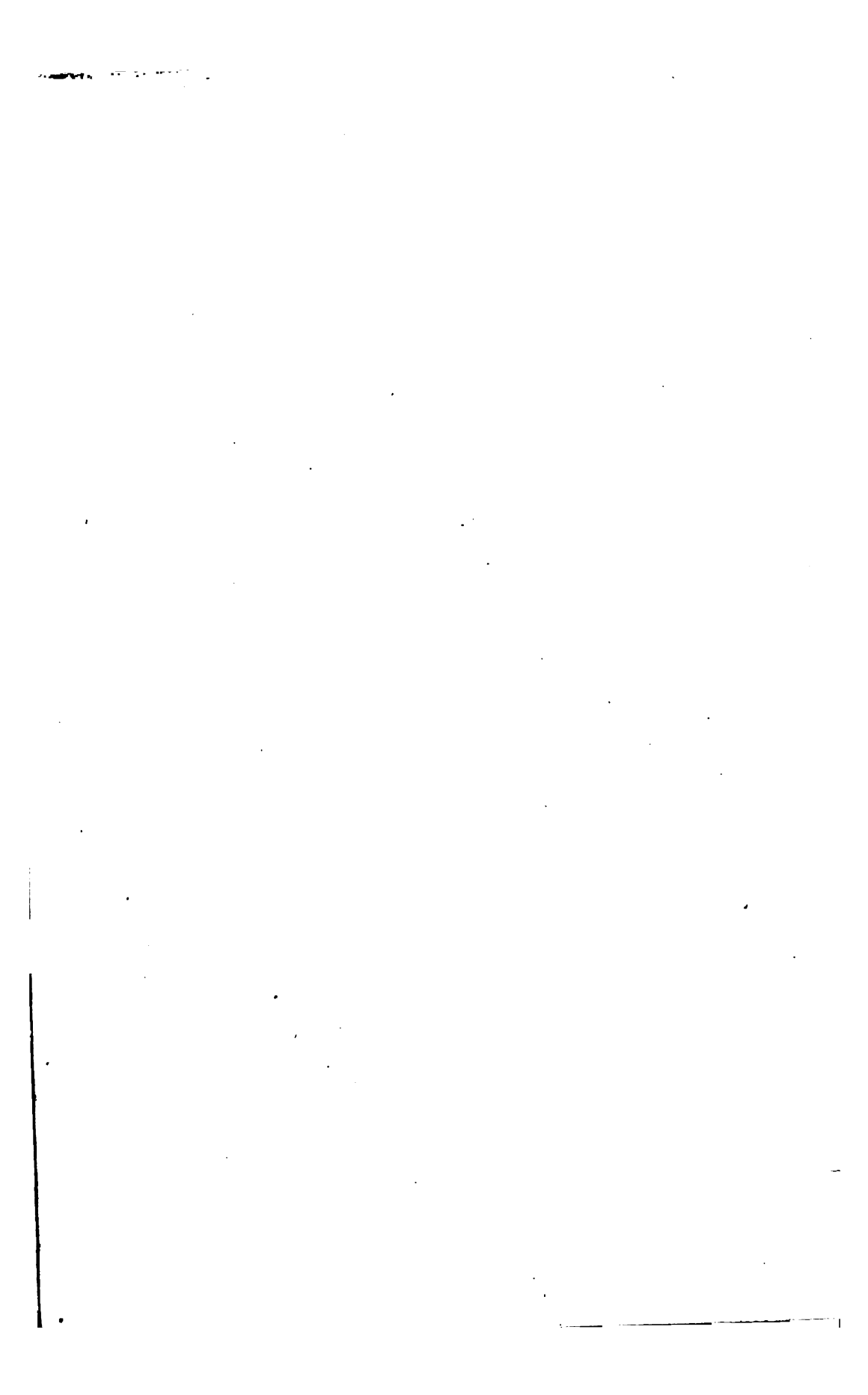
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Cornell, Richard
Dunn, Thomas
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.
Low, Seth
Marquand, H. G.

Mason, Ellen F.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederick W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph









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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1892.

NEWPORT, R. I.
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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1892-93.

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VICE PRESIDENT:

HENRY H. FAY.

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DAVID KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
GEORGE G. KING,	ALFRED TUCKERMAN,
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THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

SECRETARY:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, A. D. 1892.

The one hundred and sixty-second annual meeting of the company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, on Wednesday, August 17th, A. D. 1892, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. LeRoy King, a quorum of the stockholders in person or by proxy being present. The Records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved: The President presented the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders, and the Treasurer's and the Librarian's Annual Reports were presented. Thereupon it was voted that five hundred copies of the President's Report and the accompanying reports with a list of the Stockholders be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

Directors.

Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
George Gordon King,	Alfred Tuckerman,
Henry G. Marquand,	Henry E. Turner.

Mr. George Gordon King declined a re-election as Treasurer.

The following persons having received transfers of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Nathaniel G. Stanton, W. Watts Sherman and Thomas P. Peckham.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized, in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's Account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was voted, that a committee consisting of Messrs. David King, Arthur B. Emmons and Henry G. Marquand be authorized to issue a general appeal to the Stockholders and members of the Redwood Library and such other persons as they may deem desirable, urging them to contribute to the funds of the Institution.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted that those Stockholders upon whose shares the assessments have been in arrears for three years, be notified by the Secretary that their shares will be forfeited in accordance with the Charter if their assessments are not paid on or before January 1st, 1893, and that their names be stricken from the list of share holders.

On motion of Mr. David King, it was voted that notice be sent to members upon whose shares assessments are due and unpaid for one year that their shares are liable to forfeiture by the Charter, together with a bill of their dues, and that hereafter Article XII of the Charter be printed on the bills.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 17th, 1892.

The Directors at their first meeting for this year held on September 3rd, voted to allow the Newport Illuminating Company to maintain their pole on the Library sidewalk on Bellevue Avenue for one year from September 10, 1891, for the sum of \$5.

Once again this Institution is indebted to the liberality and kindly interest of its great benefactor the Hon. George W. Gibbs, now of San Francisco but formerly of Newport.

On the 3rd September the President received a letter from Mr. Gibbs, enclosing a draft for one thousand dollars to be expended in the purchase of books — Mr. Gibbs writing: "I also see, the Weld Fund, and the Mercer bequest have become exhausted, and the Book Committee are in want of money to keep the Library up with the times. I therefore enclose a draft on the National Park Bank, New York, for one thousand dollars to be expended for books,

as the Committee may think best." Your President at once wrote on behalf of the Directors, thanking Mr. Gibbs for his very welcome gift, and the Directors at their meeting on September 12 passed a vote specially thanking him for his generosity, of which the following is a copy. "At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum held at the Library, Newport, R. I., on Saturday, September 12, A. D. 1891, at three o'clock p. m. On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted that the thanks of the Library be extended to Mr. George W. Gibbs for his generous donation of one thousand dollars for the purchase of books and that the President communicate this vote to Mr. Gibbs."

Through the kindness of Mr. Daniel B. Fearing the Directors were enabled to buy many valuable and needed books for the sum of \$375.64, being actual cost price, and through the goodness of another of our Directors, Mr. Alfred Tuckerman in Paris, France, they were enabled to buy a copy of Larousse's work for the sum of \$80, the publisher's price being \$150—a great saving for the Library.

The Directors greatly appreciated the good offices of these gentlemen and duly passed votes of thanks to them.

The Library is also indebted to Mr. Fearing for his kindness in having had the iron fence around the property painted at his own expense, and to Mr. Tuckerman also for his gift of \$50 towards the cost of a new gallery in the delivery room.

The Library is indebted to Mrs. Edward R. Wharton for a generous gift of \$50.

Major T. K. Gibbs and Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins have each contributed during the year the sum of \$100 which has been added to the General Current Expense Fund in the Newport Savings Bank.

The Directors at a meeting held on January 11, 1892, issued a special share, No. 74, to Dr. N. G. Stanton; they also voted to buy one bond (par value \$1000) of the Newport & Wickford R. R. & S. B. Company, to be added to the permanent investments of the Library, said bond being paid

for out of funds on deposit in the Newport Savings Bank to the credit of the General Current Expense Fund.

The Directors have learned that the late Major General George W. Cullom of New York has by his Last Will and Testament bequeathed to this Institution the sum of \$5000, the income of which only is to be expended for the purchase of books.

The Library is once again indebted to Mr. Henry G. Marquand for another very generous gift of \$250 for the binding of books.

The Library is also indebted to Mr. Louis B. McCagg for a very generous gift of \$250 for the purchase of books of reference.

The work on the catalogue has progressed satisfactorily.

At a regular meeting held on February 8th last the Directors specially thanked Mr. Joseph Tuckerman for his generous gift of \$100 towards the expense of the catalogue.

The sum of \$389.45 in all has been donated during the year and as a result 5580 books have been catalogued. The total number of books catalogued to date is 21,811. Cards used, 9,350 since the last annual meeting.

The number of taxes collected this year is 153 as against 145 last year and as against 178 five years ago.

The number of subscribers has increased this year which is encouraging.

The Directors desire especially to call attention to Mr. H. G. Marquand's gift of Stevens' "Fac-similes of American MSS.," of which the Library has now thirteen volumes. This is a most valuable gift and places the Library under still further obligations to its generous Director.

A portrait of G. M. Thurston, of Miss Caroline Marsh, and a head by Trautman have been received from the executor of the estate of M. T. Thurston, two oval figure pieces and a copy of Guercino's Magdalen.

Mr. William Binney has given a nice writing desk for the use of the Librarian's assistant.

The Directors have learned with much regret that the

Treasurer, Mr. George Gordon King, after several years' efficient service declines to continue in the position any longer, and they now take this opportunity to convey to him their hearty thanks for the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his duties and also for a generous gift of \$150 to the incidental account.

The Directors have received from Mrs. E. L. Stone of Greenfield, Conn., a portrait of her ancestor, the late President Ezra Stiles, of Yale College, who was at one time Librarian of the Redwood Library, he having been chosen to this position on September 29, 1756.

The Librarian's assistant, Miss Mann, has done very efficient and satisfactory work during the year, she having been appointed to the position so well filled by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Holt resigned his position about a year ago, much to the Directors' regret.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented. The Librarian's Report is also herewith presented.

The number of books added during the year by purchase is 569, by gift 321, pamphlets 275, periodicals 120.

The number of books now in the Library is 37,181.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

LEROY KING, President,
for the Directors.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the tenth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1891-92.

The number of volumes added to the library during the past year is 890, and, as shown in the subjoined table, is entirely by purchase and gift, no volumes having been added by binding periodicals.

No. of volumes in the library, August 19, 1891,	36,291
No. of volumes added by purchase,	569
No. of volumes added by donation,	321
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Total in the library, August 17, 1892,	37,181
Pamphlets added,	275
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	120
Continuations,	66

The books added by purchase have been for the most part works of general literature. Comparatively few works of fiction have been bought and only of those writers for which there is a very general demand. Apparently this limitation will have to be maintained, notwithstanding the frequently expressed desire of our readers for more books of this class, so long as the library has no fund for the purchase of fiction, and the income from the general book

fund remains so small. To a certain extent this lack of fiction is made up by frequent gifts of novels in paper covers, most of which can be bound and which are then more serviceable than the same books in the publishers' flimsy cases.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. George W. Gibbs and Mr. Lewis McCagg the lack of books in the reference department — mention of which was made in the report for 1891 — has been in a measure supplied. The whole of Mr. McCagg's gift of \$250, and a portion of Mr. Gibbs' donation of \$1,000, has been devoted to the acquisition of such works of reference as were most urgently needed — many of which could not at present have been obtained except by these timely gifts. The books thus bought include about a dozen dictionaries of foreign languages, dictionaries of biography and of antiquities, gazetteers, Bryan's Dictionary of painters and engravers, Foster's Alumni Oxoniensis and, above all, Larousse's Grand dictionnaire universelle, with supplements, in seventeen volumes. Most noteworthy among the donations is Mr. H. G. Marquand's valuable gift of Stevens' *Facsimiles of American MSS.*, of which the library now has thirteen volumes.

The number of books issued for home use during the past year slightly exceeds that of the previous one, and justifies the statement made in the last report that the increase of circulation bears a direct ratio, other things being equal, to the number of books purchased. The percentage of fiction is practically the same as last year; about 60%.

In considering the needs of a small library it is not an easy matter to make an entirely satisfactory selection of books. The purchasing committee has to consider the necessity of buying books of permanent value, for which there is usually a limited circle of readers, and the popular demand for works of a lighter and more ephemeral character, suiting the ruling taste of the day which is as changeable as it is transitory. It may be thought that, in the purchases of the past few years, the proportion of so-called "solid" books is

largely to the disadvantage of the lighter ones; but it should be remembered that such a library as this is not merely a lending library, it is also a reference library, a library for study and research, and that the future no less than the present usefulness of the institution depends upon the acquisition of standard works in all departments of knowledge. A larger supply of fiction, however, is unquestionably desirable.

As the reference books are all open to the public, and as call-slips are not used in the library, it has been found impracticable to keep a record of the intramural circulation.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

<i>1882</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>1890</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>1892</i>
9383	8376	7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	29
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	.	92
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	.	4
5.	Biography,	.	.	.	.	.	749
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	.	501
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.	.	.	.	495
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	.	.	.	.	.	101
H.	Physical science,	.	.	.	.	.	73
I.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	.	198
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	.	.	.	.	.	69
T.	Theatre, Music,	.	.	.	.	.	81
U.	Fine arts,	.	.	.	.	.	66
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	.	.	.	.	.	358
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	.	.	.	242
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	.	.	.	1106
Vf.	Fiction,	.	.	.	.	.	6799
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	.	.	.	.	.	195
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	.	.	.	.	.	116
Y.	Language,	.	.	.	.	.	3
Z.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	.	5

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	1.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1891,	6	11	—	79	38	34	4	1	14	10	4	3	36	27	85	715	30	12	—	—	1109
September,	4	14	1	53	29	29	4	—	16	2	8	7	29	17	117	701	15	13	—	2	1061
October,	2	10	—	71	43	58	10	5	22	2	7	6	47	24	131	760	17	17	—	1	1233
November,	3	12	—	69	45	51	10	5	8	7	6	1	35	24	90	576	13	11	1	—	967
December,	1	2	—	53	31	36	8	7	10	6	6	—	21	16	67	470	13	6	—	—	753
January, 1892,	1	7	—	62	36	42	4	7	15	5	8	7	20	18	90	476	14	4	—	—	816
February,	2	3	—	64	55	45	12	7	15	4	5	5	24	19	79	467	12	16	—	—	834
March,	—	6	—	54	24	33	12	7	20	5	8	3	22	29	72	480	14	4	—	—	793
April,	—	2	—	63	43	40	8	6	18	5	8	2	30	9	76	443	13	6	—	1	773
May,	3	16	—	45	46	29	6	11	14	6	8	8	13	19	96	465	12	8	1	—	806
June,	3	3	1	69	48	52	7	3	20	8	8	10	39	15	103	600	13	4	—	1	1007
July,	4	6	2	67	63	46	16	14	26	9	5	14	42	25	100	646	29	15	1	—	1130
Total,	29	92	4	749	501	495	101	73	198	69	81	66	358	242	1106	6799	195	116	3	5	11282

During the past library year 5580 volumes have been catalogued and the cards distributed—an increase of 151 over the number for the preceding year. When it is considered that during this time the cataloguing work was interrupted for six weeks owing to lack of means to carry it on, it is evident that the progress made is alone due to the skill and untiring energy of the cataloguer. The average per diem is considerably above that usually shown in other libraries. The number of volumes in the library catalogued since the beginning is 21811. It will therefore be seen that about two-thirds of the whole work is done. In the period embraced in this report the following departments have been catalogued: Greek classics, English poetry, Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts, Fine arts, Philosophy, more than half of the bound periodicals, 53 bound volumes of pamphlets, a part of physical science (periodicals and transactions of societies) and a part of Religion and Theology. Besides Theology and Science there now remain: Ecclesiastical history, Sociology, Government and Law, Medicine, Philology, the remainder of the literary periodicals, and most of the books of reference. The subjects enumerated, exclusive of periodicals, reference books and bibliographical works, embrace about 6000 volumes. To these must be added the regular issue of the U. S. government documents, about 3100 volumes. The latter will probably not be class-marked, and will therefore not require so much time in cataloguing as an equal number of other works. As, however, these documents embrace a great variety of subjects, many of them of considerable value, they ought to be closely analysed; so that it cannot be assumed that the work on them will be appreciably lessened by the absence of class-marking.

Making a general estimate of the work still to be done it seems reasonable to conclude that the catalogue of the books of the library can be completed in two years more if the work goes on without interruption.

In addition to the regular work of cataloguing Mrs.

Bliss has, out of working hours, identified and made a slip catalogue of the extremely valuable prints of the C. B. King collection.

Practically no binding has been done during the past year. A few volumes of fiction greatly in demand have been resewn or rebound, and about half a dozen paper covered novels have been bound when purchased. It is a pleasure to be able to state that Mr. H. G. Marquand has recently promised to give \$250 for the purpose of binding periodicals and books.

Notwithstanding the appeal made in the last report for subscriptions for the erection of a new gallery with additional shelf room, the list posted in the Delivery Room of the library has not been increased by even one name. Meanwhile the books in the library are increasing at the rate of a thousand a year, and some of the shelves are now inconveniently crowded.

As the cataloguing has progressed the elimination of such duplicate books as are not needed in the library has accompanied it. We have now about 800 volumes of duplicates, piled upon tables, chairs and the floor, of which an immediate disposition should be made since they occupy room which is needed for other purposes. Most of them are of very little value. They are worn, sometimes defaced, copies of old, but not valuable, editions, and might well be sold in a lump for what they would bring.

The art department of the library has been increased by a portrait of G. M. Thurston, by Waldo & Jewett, 1848; Miss Caroline Marsh by Jane Stuart, 1838; and a head by J. G. Trautman, 1750, from the estate of Caroline M. Thurston, two oval figure pieces and a copy of Guercino's Magdalen. Mr. William Binney has given to the library a neat and convenient writing-desk for the use of the charging-clerk, whereby her work, often trying in dark days, is much facilitated.

Five books have been reported missing. Whether they

have been abstracted or merely misplaced cannot be determined until a systematic examination of the whole library is made, which can only profitably be done when the catalogue and shelf-lists have been completed.

The charging clerk, Miss B. D. Mann, has fulfilled the somewhat onerous duties of her position with praiseworthy skill and diligence.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1892.

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| <p>American journal of archaeology.
 American journal of science.
 American naturalist.
 Art amateur.
 Art interchange.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)
 Book-buyer.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Catalogue U. S. Government publications.
 Century.
 Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Civil service reformer. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>
 Civil service record. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>
 Contemporary review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>
 Coöperative index to periodicals.
 Critic.
 Deutsche litteraturzeitung.
 Deutsche rundschau.
 Edinburgh review. (American edition.)
 Electrical world. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>
 Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>
 English historical review.
 English illustrated magazine.
 Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>
 Fortnightly review. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i></p> | <p>Forum.
 Garden and forest.
 Good words.
 Hardwicke's science gossip.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>
 Illustrated London news.
 Illustirte zeitung. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>
 The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
 Jewelers weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Jewish messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Journal of education.
 Journal of the Franklin Institute.
 Knowledge.
 Library journal.
 Lippincott's magazine.
 Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Literary world.
 Littell's living age.
 London times. (Weekly edition.)
 Longman's magazine.
 Macmillan's magazine.
 Magazine of American history.
 Narragansett historical register. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Nature.
 New Church messenger. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 New earth. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 New England historical and genealogical register.</p> |
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| <p>New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport Convocation journal. <i>From the editors.</i>
 Newport daily news. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Newport herald. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Newport journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Newport mercury. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Newport observer. <i>From Hon. G. P. Wetmore.</i>
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Pall Mall budget.
 Path. <i>Anonymous gift.</i>
 Political science quarterly.
 Popular science news.
 Providence daily journal.
 Publishers circular.</p> | <p>Publishers weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)
 Review of reviews.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Religio philosophical journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Royal Geographical Society, proceedings. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i>
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Scientific American.
 Scottish review.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Spectator.
 Temple bar.
 Travelers record. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. <i>From the U. S. Patent Office.</i>
 Unity. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Voice. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Westerly Narragansett weekly. <i>From the publisher.</i></p> |
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List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Adams, C. F., 1 pph., 1 newspaper.
 Almon, A. B., 2 vols., 1 pph.
 Amherst College, 1 pph.
 Anonymous, 7 vols., 5 pphs., 1 map.
 Austin, Miss, 6 vols.
 Austin, I. J., 1 vol.
 Austin, Mrs. J. G., 1 pph., 32 periodicals.
 Barrett, B. F., 1 pph.
 Berry, John M., 1 pph.
 Best, Mrs. Col. C. L., 8 vols.
 Bliss, R., 4 vols., 18 pphs.
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 Boston State Library, 1 pph.
 Brinton, D. G., 1 pph.
 Brooklyn Mercantile Library, 2 pphs.
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 Buffum, W. P., 1 vol.
 Carnahan, James R., 1 pph.
 Cincinnati Public Library, 3 pphs.
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 Concord Free Public Library, 1 pph.
 Cust, R. N., 1 vol.
 Dyer, C. J., 1 vol.
 Ellis, J., 2 pphs.
 Emmons, A. B., 20 vols., 56 pphs., 11 periodicals.
 Enoch Pratt Free Library, 2 pphs.
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 Fearing, A. C., Jr., 1 vol.
 Fearing, D. B., 4 vols.
 Fearing, Mrs. G. R., 8 vols.
 French, A. D. W., 1 vol.
 Friends Free Library, 1 pph.
 Gazette Publishing Co., 1 vol.
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 Leland Sanford, Jr., University, 4 pphs.
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 Pope, A. A., 1 pph.
 Porter, Rev. E. H., 1 pph.
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 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.
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	Share.		Share.
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Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	I	Malcom, Rev. Charles H.	I
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	I	Marquand, Henry G.	I
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman.)	I	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	I
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Caldwell, William S., Estate,	I	McCagg, Louis B.	I
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	I	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	I
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	I	Morgan, Edwin D.	I
Cooke, Henry Williams	I	Norman, George H.	I
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	I	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	I
Cooke, Prof. Josiah P.	I	Parish, Daniel, Jr.	I
Cornell, Richard,	I	Parkman, George F.	I
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	I	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augustus	I
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D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	I	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	I
Emmons, Arthur B.	I	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	I
Fearing, Daniel B.	I	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	I
Fearing, George R.	I	Sears, David, Estate,	I
Fitts, Daniel B.	I	Sheffield, William P.	I
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	I	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	I
Foster, John	I	Sherman, William Watts	I
Gibbs, George W.	I	Smith, Howard,	I
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson,)	I	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	I
Gibbs, Theodore K.	I	Stanton, Dr. N. G.	I
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Hazard, James L.	I	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	I
Hone, Robert S.	I	Tompkins, Frederick	I
Horgan, P. H.	I	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	I
Humphrey, Mrs. P. E., Estate,	I	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	I
Hunter, Anna F.	I	Tweedy, Edmund	I
Jessup, Alfred D.	I	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	I
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	I	Wales, George W.	I
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	I	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	I
King, LeRoy	I	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	I
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	I	Wetmore, George Peabody	I
Lorillard, Louis L.	I	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	I
		Wetmore, William B.	I
		Willett, Edward M.	I

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(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

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Allan, Erastus P.	1	Crandall, George F.	1
Allan, W. S. N., Estate,	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Bailey, Samuel C., Estate,	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Denniston, George	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Boit, Edward D., Estate,	4	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Engs, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Brownell, William	1	Finch, Benjamin,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Fludder, James	4
Bull, Henry	1	Fludder, William	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Foster, John	2
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Franklin, Robert S.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Cahoone, Stephen, Estate,	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow	1	Gibbes, R. Morgan, Estate,	2
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gibbes, Sarah B., Estate,	1
- Chase, William L.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Child, Rev. William S.	1	Gilpin, William	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Goffe, Augustus	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Gould, Edward W., Estate,	2
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Coggeshall, Thomas,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Cornell, Ellen,	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Cottrell, Michael,	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Covell, Robert S.	1	Hamilton, William	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.	2
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hammett, James H.	1

Harris, Frank G.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Mason, Ida,	1
Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1	Mauran, James E., Estate,	1
Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John		Morris, Wistar,	1
M. Cross.)	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Newton, Dudley	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Newton, Edward,	1
Hazard, John A., Estate, (of T.		Newton, Mary H.	1
G.)	1	Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy,	1	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	2
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Panin, Ivan M.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L.		Peckham, Henry S.	2
Kane.)	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Kane, Delancey, Estate,	8	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, Clarence	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Jr.,	1	Reynolds, Gardiner B.	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, George G.	4	Rhoades, Benjamin H., Estate,	1
King, William H.	6	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Langley, Job T., Estate,	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Langley, William C.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Russell, Charles H., Estate,	4
Lawton, Edward W.	1	Sanborn, John P.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sanford, William H.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V.		Seabury, William G.	1
Wilbur.)	2	Sheffield, William P.	9
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lyon, Joseph, Estate,	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Lyon, Joseph M., Estate,	1	Sherman, Susan B.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C.	1	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Marsh, J. W. R., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Spencer, Lorillard	1

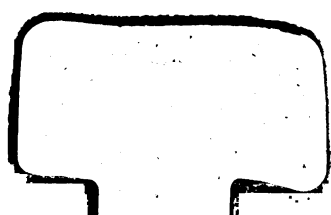
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Stevens, William G.	I	Underwood, William J.	I
Stewart, Anthony	I	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	I
Stoddard, John C.	I	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	I
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	I	Ward, F. Augustus	I
Stout, Mrs. Ann M.	I	Ward, Henry N.	I
Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	I	Weaver, John G.	I
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	I	Weaver, Sarah C.	I
Terrill, Dr. George	I	Weld, William G.	I
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	I	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Thomas, Addison	I	Wharton, Thomas I.	I
Thurston, Benjamin E.	I	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	I
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Wilbour, Mary A.	I
Tilton, Frederic W.	I	Willard, Elisha W.	I
Tompkins, Frederic	I	Wilson, George H.	I
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	I	Woollett, Sidney	I
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Tuckerman, Alfred	I	Wormeley, Katharine P.	I

LIFE MEMBERS.

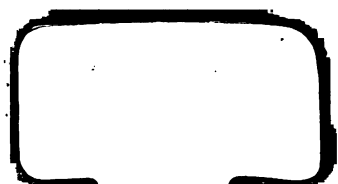
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson.)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Cornell, Richard
Dino, Duchesse de
Dunn, Thomas
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.
Low, Seth

Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph







ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1893.

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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1893-94.

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TREASURER:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

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RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors.

ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,	GEORGE C. MASON,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

ON FINANCE.

DAVID KING,	THEODORE K. GIBBS,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,	HENRY E. TURNER,
DANIEL B. FEARING.	

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

HENRY H. FAY,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
ALFRED TUCKERMAN.	

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,	GEORGE C. MASON.
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ON REPAIRS.

GEORGE C. MASON,	GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	ARTHUR B. EMMONS.
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ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, A. D. 1893.

The one hundred and sixty-third annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 16th, A. D. 1893, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. LeRoy King, President, in the chair, and a quorum of stockholders, in person and by proxy, were ascertained to be present. The records of the last annual meeting were approved. The President read the annual report of the Board of Directors to the stockholders and the Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were also read. Thereupon it was voted that said reports be received and that five hundred copies of the President's report and the accompanying reports be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

Directors.

Arthur B. Emmons,	George C. Mason,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
George Gordon King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Henry G. Marquand,	Alfred Tuckerman,
Henry E. Turner.	

The following persons having received transfers of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Mrs. Richard Cornell and Mr. John R. Leslie.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted to adjourn.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their annual report as follows, for the year ending Wednesday, August 16, 1893.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, consisting of Messrs. David King, Arthur B. Emmons and Henry G. Marquand, issued the following appeal to the stockholders and friends of the Library, and substantial results are expected therefrom:

To the Company and Friends of the Redwood Library and Athenæum:

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Redwood Library, held on the 17th of August, 1892, the following resolution was passed:

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was voted: that a committee consisting of Messrs. David King, Arthur B. Emmons and Henry G. Marquand, be authorized to issue a general appeal to the stockholders and members of the Redwood Library and such other persons as they may deem desirable, urging them to contribute to the funds of this Institution.

In accordance with this Resolution, the committee beg your attention for a few moments, to the needs of this valuable Institution.

To keep up the Library in an efficient manner, the Directors require the sum of \$2,500 per annum.

The receipts from all available sources last year were \$1,858.72.

The value of the Library, grounds, building and contents, together with the invested funds (\$36,000), specific and otherwise, is not far from \$200,000, or about \$542 per share. The invested funds are \$16,400.07, the interest to be used for the purchase of books; \$19,278.40, the interest for incidental expenses. There is no debt and no mortgage on the property.

The Company is in need of funds for the following purposes:

1st, for the completion of the catalogue, some \$1,000 is wanted. This work has been heretofore carried on by generous donations from a very few of the shareholders.

2nd, for binding books, and for additional shelf room to care for new books, now increasing at the rate of nearly a thousand volumes per year.

3rd, for the general current expense fund. A sum of \$15,000 is sought to be added to this fund; the interest on this, together with the annual receipts, it is thought, will enable the Directors to keep up the Institution, making it useful to those who use it, and agreeable and interesting to its friends and visitors.

The annual tax of \$5 per shareholder is a small sum to pay for the privileges enjoyed, and as it is now many years since a general appeal has been made to the stockholders, it is hoped that they will treat this application as a matter of interest and importance to them, and respond liberally. By so doing, the shares, almost unsalable at \$5, might easily be advanced to \$100.

It is to be borne in mind also, that a flourishing institution with its future secured, invites assistance and co-operation in many ways. Few institutions in this country can date back as far as yours, as witness the 161st annual report now submitted. It is a venerable pile, handed down to your keeping, and well worthy of your generous support.

Contributions from the stockholders, members and friends are solicited, and may be sent to the President, Mr. LeRoy King, the Treasurer, Mr. Thomas P. Peckham, or to either of the undersigned.

DAVID KING,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

HENRY G. MARQUAND,

Committee.

NEWPORT, August 24th, 1892.

The Directors at their September meeting voted to renew the lease for one year of a place for a pole on the sidewalk to the Newport Illuminating Company upon the same terms as last year.

It is gratifying to announce that through the efforts of Mr. Emmons the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dol-

lars has been raised for the completion of the catalogue. This is more than is needed and whatever remains after Mrs. Bliss has finished her work can be used in printing any portion of the catalogue which the Directors may consider most acceptable to the stockholders. Good progress has been made by Mrs. Bliss during the year, the number of books catalogued being 9,000, making the total number 30,811. In all probability the catalogue can be completed in another year.

During the year the Library has received the paintings bequeathed to it by the will of Pastora E. Humphrey, deceased.

Mr. Henry G. Marquand has given five more volumes of "Stevens' Fac-similes of Manuscripts relating to American History," making seventeen volumes in all. He has once more given us the sum of \$250 for the binding of books.

The Directors in accordance with article twelve of the Charter have declared forfeited to the Corporation fifty-two shares belonging to delinquent stockholders.

The number of taxes collected this year is 140 as against 153 last year.

The subscriptions have increased from \$278 to \$323.

In the month of May the Library received the munificent gift of \$2,500 from William H. Potter of South Kingstown. The Directors were given full power to dispose of this money in their discretion, and they voted to expend \$500 on a gallery in the West Room to be known as the W. H. Potter Gallery, and the balance has been invested for the present.

A suitable minute in accordance with a vote of the Directors, embodying the thanks of the Institution, was duly sent to Mr. Potter.

At a meeting of the Directors, held on Monday, July 10th, Major T. K. Gibbs announced that he would present on behalf of his brother, George W. Gibbs, the sum of \$3,000, the income of which only is to be used. The Directors print the following letter from Major Gibbs.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 8, 1893.

President Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.

Dear Sir: I have this day turned over to your Treasurer three Orford Copper Company bonds (6% 1st mortgage) one thousand dollars each—this being a gift from my brother, George W. Gibbs, as a trust fund, the interest to be used at the discretion of the Directors. I desire you should hold these bonds as I look upon them as being a safe investment.

Yours very truly, etc.,

THEO. K. GIBBS.

The executors of the estate of the late Major General G. W. Cullom have paid to the Treasurer the sum of \$3,250 on account of his legacy of \$5,000. The balance is to be paid when the executors have funds in hand.

The Treasurer has received a check from Mr. Arthur Astor Carey's agent for \$5,000. This sum is given to the Library by Mr. Carey in memory of his brother, the late Henry R. Astor Carey, and the income is to be used in the purchase of books.

The Library is indebted to Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins for a generous donation of medical books and pamphlets which he received from the Library of the late Dr. W. Lamont Wheeler.

Mr. Samuel Coleman has presented the Library with some English and French periodicals containing valuable plates.

Mrs. George R. Fearing has given the sum of \$135 for the purchase of a set of the standard English edition of Dickens' works and also for reference books.

The Treasurer's report is herewith presented, also the Librarian's report.

The number of books added during the year by purchase is 361, by gift 719, pamphlets 200, periodicals 903.

The number of books now in the Library is 37,181.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, President,
for the Directors.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with The Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1893. Aug. 16.	To balance from former account:	1893. Aug. 16.	By Payments:		
	Incidental acct., \$101.87; Library Book acct., \$155.88;		Incidental Account,		\$1,930.59
	Catalogue " \$0.38; Gibbs " \$214.25;		Book " "		814.20
	Gallery " \$50.00;	\$522.38	Gibbs Book " "		133.13
	To amount received from Subscriptions,	700.00	Catalogue " "		465.59
	" " Taxes,	323.00	Binding " "		230.70
	" " Fines,	34.20	By Bonds purchased for		
	To Dividends received from		H. R. A. Carey Fund, (see schedule)		5,000.00
	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	200.00	George W. Cullum " "		3,000.00
	William S. Rogers " "	100.00	William H. Potter " "		2,000.00
	Robert Rogers " "	40.00	By Balance in the National Bank of Rhode Island,		1,799.74
	George G. King " "	40.00	being the balances due the following accounts:		
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	52.24	Incidental Account,	\$25.60	
	General Current Expense Fund,	14.88	Book " "	26.68	
	To Coupons Library Book Fund,	110.00	Binding " "	81.55	
	Incidental Fund,	870.00	Gibbs Book " "	81.12	
	To Donation from LeRoy King for Catalogue Account,	100.00	Gallery " "	50.00	
	alogue Account,		General Appeal " "	130.00	
	" " from H. G. Marquand for binding books,	1,050.00	Catalogue " "	684.79	
	" " F. S. G. D'Hauteville,	250.00	W. H. Potter " "	500.00	
	" " Mrs. Pierson,	7.25	G. W. Cullum " "	250.00	
	To Gift from Arthur A. Carey, Esq., (as a Fund in Memory of his brother, Henry R. A. Carey.)	100.00			
	To amount received from the Executors of the estate of Gen. G. W. Cullum for a Book Fund (being 65% of the bequest of \$5,000),	5,000.00			
	To Gift from William H. Potter,	3,250.00			
		2,500.00			
		<u>\$15,373.95</u>			<u>\$15,373.95</u>

Respectfully submitted:
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

The Treasurer has also received by the hands of Major Theodore K. Gibbs a gift from George W. Gibbs of \$3,000 in bonds, the income from this Fund to be used at the discretion of the Directors of the Library.

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport :

John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000.00
William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000.00
Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000.00
George G. King Book Fund,	1,000.00
David King Book Fund,	1,577.83
2 Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, D. King Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Fund,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Fund,	2,000.00
2 Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport :	
Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,306.29
General Current Expense Fund,	372.11
1 Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds E. Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	1,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co.,	3,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Orford Copper Co. 6%, G. W. Gibbs Fund,	3,000.00

 \$48,256.23

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the eleventh annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1892-93.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 17, 1892,	37,181
No. of volumes added by purchase,	361
No. of volumes added by gift,	719
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	66
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	38,327
Worn volumes retired from circulation, .	98
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Total in the Library, August 16, 1893,	38,229
Pamphlets added,	200
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	903
Continuations,	37

During the past year the number of books purchased was less than that of the preceding year by about two hundred volumes, but owing to an increase in the number of books received by donation the whole number of volumes acquired exceeds that of last year; the accessions of the present year being 1,146 as against 890 for the previous year. Of the 361 volumes added by purchase about one hundred have been works of fiction. The fiction list has been increased, however, by the binding of over fifty copies

of recent novels given to the Library by a few of our shareholders and subscribers. The notable increase in the number of books given to the Library is mainly owing to the receipt of a large collection of medical works, including *The lancet*, *British and foreign medical review*, *Medical record*, *Braithwaite's retrospect*, and other medical periodicals from the Library of the late Dr. W. L. Wheeler through Mr. H. B. Tompkins.

The reference department of the Library has this year benefitted by the generosity of Mrs. George R. Fearing who gave forty dollars for the purchase of books in this department. To this liberal donor the users of the Library will also be indebted for the gift of a set of the large-type English edition of Charles Dickens' works. Among some of the more important gifts of books may be mentioned the continuation of Stevens' "Facsimiles of American manuscripts"; the "History of the centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington" from Mr. H. G. Marquand; a set of the Reports of the Canada geological survey, from the office of the Survey through senator Dr. W. J. Almon; eight volumes of *L'art* and seven volumes of *The portfolio*, containing many valuable plates, from Mr. Samuel Colman; Family histories and genealogies by E. E. and E. McC. Salisbury in five volumes, the gift of the Hon. George P. Wetmore; An Account of the Mitchell family by Rebecca Gould Mitchell, type-written by J. S. Rogers of Saratoga Springs, and presented by him to the Library.

The need of more books in all departments of literature, including fiction, of which mention has been made in recent reports, still continues. Until the book funds of the Library are considerably increased we shall be debarred from the purchase of very many useful and entertaining works which should be upon our shelves.

During the past year the number of books issued for home use shows an increase of 839 volumes over that of the previous year—the whole number of volumes taken out this year being 12,121. Of these the number of novels issued remains about the same as during recent years; the proportion of fiction being nearly 62 per cent. Among the

other classes works on biography, history, description and travels, as usual, have the largest circulation.

Although no record is kept of books used within the Library it has been evident to the officers of the Library that the number of people who have used the Library for consultation last year has not been as great as during some of the previous years. The cause of this falling off is not evident, since the Library is now in a better condition (so far as its reference department, at least, is concerned) than it has ever been before. A few persons pursuing special studies have made constant use of the Library with satisfactory result, but for the past year or two the number of special students using the Library has gradually diminished. The following tables give the statistics of circulation.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>1890</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>1892</i>	<i>1893</i>
8376	7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	42
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	.	89
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	.	21
5.	Biography	.	.	.	.	.	615
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	.	509
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.	.	.	.	589
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	.	.	.	.	.	109
H.	Physical science,	.	.	.	.	.	103
I.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	.	227
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	.	.	.	.	.	86
T.	Theatre, Music,	.	.	.	.	.	64
U.	Fine arts,	.	.	.	.	.	123
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	.	.	.	.	.	418
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	.	.	.	135
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	.	.	.	1186
Vf.	Fiction,	.	.	.	.	.	7488
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	.	.	.	.	.	154
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	.	.	.	.	.	144
Y.	Language,	.	.	.	.	.	11
Z.	Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	.	8

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	1.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1892,	5	1	—	59	50	54	10	8	9	15	5	7	62	16	93	605	23	8	1	—	1031
September,	2	4	1	64	53	52	14	18	27	3	10	5	48	6	87	695	24	10	1	3	1127
October,	6	8	—	74	63	61	13	8	25	5	12	10	35	20	79	754	23	10	1	1	1208
November,	4	8	—	52	51	55	12	7	23	5	7	6	23	10	91	575	8	8	—	1	946
December,	8	5	—	37	31	46	10	5	26	6	10	3	26	9	135	605	5	16	2	—	985
January, 1893,	4	5	1	42	32	63	12	14	10	5	5	3	21	10	84	605	13	15	—	—	944
February,	1	14	2	30	41	39	10	7	15	9	4	5	41	9	95	630	10	14	2	—	978
March,	3	9	5	55	40	51	9	7	17	11	4	13	35	10	101	633	11	15	—	—	1029
April,	3	7	1	35	31	40	5	6	19	8	3	17	36	17	123	545	8	15	1	—	920
May,	2	7	6	45	31	33	4	7	25	7	—	9	38	11	100	548	11	8	2	1	895
June,	2	6	2	51	34	43	5	7	14	4	2	17	24	5	90	592	6	11	—	1	916
July,	2	15	3	71	52	52	5	9	17	8	2	28	29	12	108	701	12	14	1	1	1142
Total,	42	89	21	615	509	589	109	103	227	86	64	123	418	135	1186	7488	154	144	11	8	12121

The cataloguing work shows remarkable progress during the past year, the number of volumes catalogued during the year being 9000. This is over 3000 more than the number catalogued the previous year, and is an unusually large number for the period. That so many volumes have been catalogued in the space of twelve months is in part owing to the fact that the cataloguer has devoted more time to the work, and in part to the nature of the work which has been done. The work for the year just closed has included nearly all the U. S. government documents and most of the literary periodicals. As these bear no class-marks, and as the latter require no analysis the work on them has been correspondingly rapid. It cannot, however, be assumed that the work of the coming year will show an equally large number of books catalogued, but so well advanced is the work that the end of another year (unless large accessions are received in the meantime) will probably see the catalogue nearly or quite completed.

Since the last report Ecclesiastical history, Sociology, Politics, and a part of Science have been done. There now remain Government, Law, Medicine, Philology, the Book-arts, together with a portion of the reference books.

Early in the calendar year the increase in the number of cards rendered it necessary that all the drawers in the catalogue-case should be used, and the work of shifting the cards was done by Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, without serious interruption to the use of the catalogue. But the change has entailed an inconvenience which at times is seriously felt. Owing to lack of sufficient light in the Delivery-room—more especially on cloudy days—one-half of the catalogue-case, and consequently one-half of the catalogue is veiled in semi-darkness which makes the consultation of the cards extremely difficult and trying. Even when the gas is lighted but little relief is obtained, as the gas-jets are so high that the light is too much diffused to properly illuminate the cards. A couple of gas-jets, provided with reflectors, placed immediately above the catalogue-case are very much needed, and would obviate the

most serious difficulty which every one who uses the catalogue now experiences.

Once more the library is indebted to the kindness of Mr. H. G. Marquand for the binding which has been done during the past year; his gift of two hundred and fifty dollars for this purpose having been expended in rebinding such volumes as most needed it, and in putting into covers unbound books and the most important of the current magazines. In order to bind all the periodicals which the Library receives we need a considerable increase of our funds. The binding of the larger periodicals and newspapers is so expensive, and our means so limited, that none of these have, for a long time, been sent to the book-binder. Furthermore very few of the cheaper books are sent to be rebound, as the cost of a new copy is scarcely greater than that of putting new covers on the old one, which, moreover, is pretty sure to come to pieces internally before the new binding is much worn.

The need of additional shelf room, which was insisted on in the last report, still exists even more noticeably than last year. Not only is a systematic arrangement of all the books by subject at present impossible, but even the floor of the reading-room gallery is now used for holding books for which there is no shelf room. Unless considerable additional shelving be provided the Library will be completely overstocked by the end of another year.

So long as the Library is cramped for room it will be impossible to put into operation a long-considered plan for separating from the general stack and keeping by themselves the juvenile books for the convenience of the younger portion of our readers. An approximation toward this end is being made in separating the juvenile fiction from the rest of the novels and keeping these books together in one part of the fiction room.

The crowded condition of some of our shelves, particularly fiction, has made it necessary—and general convenience has made it desirable—that the very old books which are rarely or never asked for should be put by them-

selves in the back room, or in the gallery. Hence, as the cataloguing has gone on, such works have been taken out from the others and made to form a subordinate library, now temporarily placed in the small room north of the East Room. On the cards such books are designated by a colon prefixed to the class-mark in order that the seeker may not look for them among the general books.

During the year no disposition has been made of the duplicates of which we have now about a thousand volumes, the special committee on the disposal of duplicates having deemed it wiser to wait till all, or nearly all, the duplicates have been collected before disposing of them. Our limited space for books would seem to make it advisable that these volumes be sold, if practicable, during the coming year. A catch-title list of them on slips has been made by the assistant in the Library.

To the art department of the Library has been added the following: three paintings the gift of Miss E. O. Gibbes from the estate of Miss S. B. Gibbes; five oil paintings and one engraving from the estate of Mrs. Pastora E. Humphrey.

Two volumes have been lost or injured, and replaced by the persons to whom they were charged. Three books are known to be missing from their places on the shelves, but whether they have been lost or merely misplaced cannot at present be determined. The practice of allowing special students to visit the shelves, while being of great benefit to the student, does, it must be admitted, result in much inconvenience to the librarian and his assistant from the inevitable disarrangement of books on the shelves and the consequent confusion of the classification.

Miss Ada E. Gosling, who last autumn succeeded Miss Mann in charge of the delivery department, has performed her duties in the most eminently satisfactory manner.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

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 Boston daily advertiser.
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 Century.
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 English illustrated magazine.
 Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i></p> | <p>Far and near. <i>Gift.</i>
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 Magazine of American history.</p> |
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 New earth. *From the publisher.*
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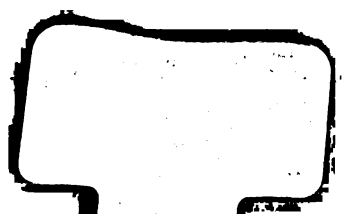
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[APPENDIX A.]

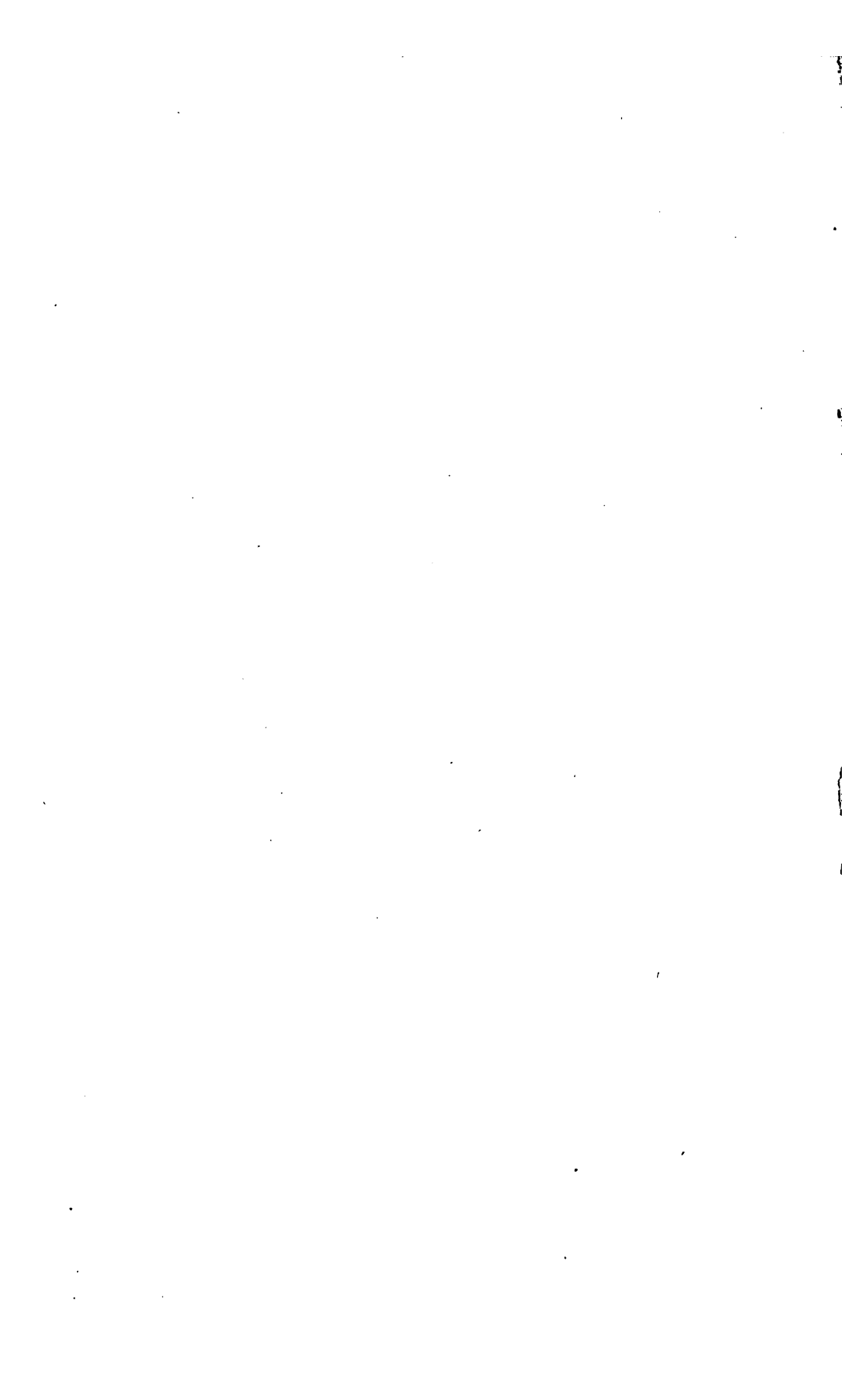
CATALOGUE SUBSCRIBERS.

LeRoy King,	\$100	T. K. Gibbs,	\$50
G. P. Wetmore,	100	J. J. Van Alen,	50
Miss E. F. Mason,	300	Edmund Tweedy,	50
Miss Ida Mason,	300	David King,	50
H. A., C. Taylor,	50		
H. G. Marquand,	50	Total,	<u>\$1,150</u>
A. B. Emmons,	50		

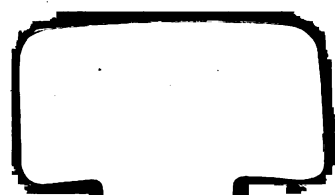












ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT

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DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS,

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1894.



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ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	ARTHUR B. EMMONS.
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ON EXPENDITURES.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, A. D. 1894.

The one hundred and sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 15th, A. D. 1894, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. H. H. Fay, Vice President, in the chair, and a quorum of stockholders in person and by proxy were ascertained to be present. The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Mr. George Gordon King read the annual report of the Board of Directors to the stockholders, and the Treasurer's and Librarian's annual reports were also read. Thereupon it was voted that said reports be received and that five hundred copies thereof be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

On motion of Mr. George Gordon King the following persons having received transfer of shares during the year

were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Dr. Henry W. Gillett, Annie Horgan, Executrix, Hiram Burlingham, Creighton Withers, Mary F. Leavitt, Gardiner B. Perry, R. Hammett Tilley and John Hare Powel.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	LeRoy King.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	William P. Sheffield, Jr.

Directors:

Arthur B. Emmons,	John Hare Powel,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry G. Marquand,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Louis B. McCagg,	Henry E. Turner,

George W. Wales.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins it was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Gibbs it was voted that Messrs. H. B. Tompkins and G. G. King be a committee to dispose of such duplicate volumes in the Library as in their judgment can and ought to be sold.

On motion of Mr. Emmons it was voted to adjourn.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 15, 1894.

The year just closed has been one of advancement for the Library, both in the number of books added and in the number of those who availed themselves of the privileges afforded by this Institution, as is shown in detail by the report of the Librarian. It has also been one of loss, for two of those who were present at our last Annual Meeting are absent today, and we miss, not only the faces, but also the counsel and advice of Mr. George C. Mason and Mr. David King, both of whom were long identified with this Institution, and to whose efforts it is largely indebted for its present degree of success, and appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Directors.

Mr. William H. Potter, of South Kingston, Mr. Henry G. Marquand and Prof. Fairman Rogers have again placed the Library under obligations to them, by reason of their generosity. In May, 1893, the sum of \$2500 was received from Mr. Potter, of which amount \$500 was expended on

the erection of a gallery in the West Room, called after the donor, and the building was closed in December last to permit the construction of this gallery. In January of this year, Mr. Potter added to his former gift another one of like amount, accompanied by the following letter:

KINGSTON, January 27th, 1894.

*To the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport,
Rhode Island.*

GENTLEMEN:

I enclose herewith my check on the Old National Bank, Providence, to the order of the Redwood Library and Athenæum for \$2500, for the uses and purposes of said Library and Athenæum.

Possibly this may be received by you in time to be used in connection with the check I sent some months ago, if that purpose or plan has not been completed. This however is a suggestion merely, nothing more, leaving it entirely to the Trustees or those in charge, to use it as they, in their judgment, shall deem best for the Library.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. POTTER.

This sum, together with the \$2000 remaining from the first gift, has been temporarily deposited in the Newport Savings Bank, and is now known as the "William H. Potter Fund," and for the present, the income is to be applied for incidental expenses.

From Mr. Marquand have been received four more volumes of "Stevens' Fac-similes of American Manuscripts," making twenty-one volumes in all.

The donation from Professor Fairman Rogers consists of 1740 volumes, 103 maps, and \$100 for the purpose of re-binding any of the books that are in need of it.

For all of these gifts, suitable resolutions of thanks were passed by the Board of Directors and forwarded by the Secretary to the donors. The Directors, however, take this opportunity to say to the patrons of the Library, that while they are aware that this simple acknowledgment is all that the Library can offer in return for such gifts, they fully appreciate how inadequate such expressions of thanks are in comparison with what has been received.

In May the amount of \$1669.50 was received from the Executors of the estate of the late Major General G. W.

Cullum, being the balance due on his legacy of \$5000. The Directors decided to put this sum in the Newport Savings Bank, and to allow the interest to accumulate until the entire fund amounts to \$5000, the amount of the original bequest, before the deduction of the collateral inheritance tax.

One occurrence during the year is especially deserving of mention, both for its own sake and as a very practical illustration of the need of an increase in our "Incidental Fund." On the afternoon of July 14th, Newport was visited by a most disastrous hailstorm. The skylights and many of the windows on the north side of the Library were broken. It was found that \$120 would be required to make the necessary repairs, and the Treasurer was authorized to borrow, for a time not to exceed two months, the sum of \$400 to meet this unexpected expense as well as other incidental items. In this connection the Board of Directors calls attention to the present inadequate resources for meeting the incidental expenses of the Library. The numerous small items of expense which are constantly arising are in a measure unprovided for. The fact that it has been necessary to borrow \$400 on this account is a strong appeal that more income is needed for incidental purposes.

If the Directors had more money to the Incidental Account a much needed improvement could be made. A large new skylight would immensely improve the West Room. On dark days artificial light almost invariably has to be used.

Complete statistics in reference to the Library will be found in the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer, which are submitted herewith, but a few general statements taken from these reports may not be out of place. Very substantial progress has been made in cataloguing the books: four thousand volumes have been catalogued this year, as well as 1398 pamphlets, making 34,811 books in all, and, with the pamphlets, a total of 36,209. We trust that our next report will announce that the work has been completed.

The total number of books added this year, by purchase is 320; by gift, 2210; pamphlets 230, and periodicals

102. The books now in the Library number 40,579. A slight increase is shown in the receipts from taxes and subscriptions, which is very satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

GEORGE GORDON KING.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with The Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1894. Aug. 11.	To balance from former account: Incidental acct., \$25.66; Book acct., \$36.68; Binding acct., 21.55; Gibbs' Book acct., 81.12; Gallery " 30.00; General Appeal " 150.00; Catalogue " 684.79; W. H. Potter " 500.00; George W. Cullum acct., \$450; To amount received from 154 Taxes, \$979.00 " " Subscriptions, 368.00 " " Fines, 31.20		\$1,799.74
			1,189.20
	To Donation from Fairman Rogers, for binding, Gift from William H. Potter, 100.00 Amount received from the executors of the estate of Gen. George W. Cullum for a Book Fund, 2,500.00 (being the balance of the bequest of \$5,000 less \$175 for tax deducted by the Surrogate Court of N. Y.) To Interest from the estate of George W. Cullum, 94.50 To Dividends received from John Carter Brown Book Fund, 200.00 William S. Rogers, " 100.00 Robert Rogers, " 40.00 George G. King, " 40.00 Special Preferred Share Fund, 40.00 General Expense Fund, 52.24 To Coupons Library Book Fund, 19.38 " Incidental Fund, 400.00 " 1,100.00 To Donation Book Account, 1.50 To Borrowed from National Bank of Rhode Island, 400.00		\$9,671.56

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

We have examined the accounts of Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, and find the accounts correct and the securities as stated by him.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 14, 1894.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., }
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, } Auditors.

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport:

	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000.00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000.00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000.00
	George G. King Book Fund,	1,000.00
	David King Book Fund,	1,729.37
	Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,919.50
	William H. Potter Fund,	2,500.00
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,306.29
	General Current Expense Fund,	522.11
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2000.00
1	Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds E. Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co., 5%,	3,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Orford Copper Co. 6%, G. W. Gibbs Fund,	3,000.00

 \$52,977.27

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the twelfth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1893-94.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 16, 1893,	38,229
No. of volumes added by purchase,	320
No. of volumes added by gift,	2,210
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	40,759
Worn volumes retired from circulation,	180
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Total in the Library, August 15, 1894,	40,579
Pamphlets added,	230
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	102
Continuations,	63

The table shows a large accession of books during the past year—an increase greater than that of any other year since the receipt of the Emott bequest. This increase is due entirely to gifts, since the number of books purchased is somewhat less than the number for the previous year. Of these gifts the most important, by far, is that of Fair-

man Rogers, which included the majority of the books of his private Newport library. This generous gift embraced 1,740 volumes and 103 maps, nearly all the books being well bound and in such a state of preservation as the books of gentleman's library are expected to be. About one hundred or more volumes—mainly fiction—were unbound, and in order that these might be put into covers Mr. Rogers, at the same time, gave one hundred dollars for the purpose of binding them.

This gift of Mr. Rogers is a most valuable one to the library. Very many of the books are expensive works such as the library is not likely to buy at present, at least, but which are most desirable additions to its shelves. Others are books of better or later editions than those we have, or which are in a better state of preservation than our much used copies. Altogether the donation is one of the most useful and acceptable gifts which the library has ever received.

Smaller gifts have been made by H. B. Tompkins, Mrs. George R. Fearing, Mrs. Harold Brown, Hon. Geo. P. Wetmore, and others. Mr. Wetmore's gift very nearly completes our set of the Illustrated London News. Mr. H. G. Marquand has continued, during the year, the set of B. F. Stevens' Facsimilies of American manuscripts. The library now possesses a complete set of this invaluable work as far as published.

It should be noted that the number of volumes in the library as shown in the foregoing table is considerably in excess of the real number on the shelves. The figures in the table are obtained from the yearly accessions added to the whole number for the preceding year.

As the library is being catalogued it was not deemed necessary to keep an account of the duplicates taken from circulation, since the whole number of books in the library will be shown when the catalogue is finished. Consequently it will be understood that the number of volumes in the library is too high by the number of duplicates discarded. This number will probably be somewhere between 2,500 and 3,000 volumes.

The number of books issued for home use during the past year is somewhat smaller than that of the year previous. The reduced number of books circulated in December is owing to the fact that the library was closed two weeks in that month for the erection of the new Potter gallery in the Delivery Room. This curtailment of the circulation to one half of the month has reduced the total circulation notwithstanding an increase in some of the other months. Had the library been open throughout December the circulation would have been about the same as the year before.

The character of the reading remains about the same as in previous years—novels, biographies, and books of travel being the ones most sought for. Of the latter class not many works have been bought, owing to the high price of such publications and the limited state of our book-funds. The demand for fiction is steady, and not only should more works of this kind be purchased, but in cases of very popular books, such as *Marcella*, *The Prince of India*, and others, several copies of each are needed. The demand for *Marcella* has been extraordinary, a dozen copies would not have met the demand for it. The proportion of fiction is a little higher this year, being 64 per cent. of the whole.

The intra-mural use of books, mainly reference books, has considerably increased during the past year. In the reference department there still remain some gaps which it is highly desirable should be filled. The library ought certainly to have such biographical works as Jöcher's *Gelehrte Lexikon*, Zedler's *Universal Lexikon*, Nagler's *Dictionary of artists*, and above all the Royal Society's *Catalogue of scientific papers*—eleven volumes of which have now been published. With these, and a few other less expensive works, the Reference Department of the library would be admirably equipped.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>1888</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>1890</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>1892</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>1894</i>
7644	7851	6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	34
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	130
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	23
5.	Biography,	516
7.	History,	386
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	436
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	73
H.	Physical science,	76
I.	Natural science,	181
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	74
T.	Theatre, Music,	50
U.	Fine arts,	124
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	326
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	208
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	1324
Vf.	Fiction,	7423
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	110
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	132
Y.	Language,	18
Z.	Miscellaneous,	0

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	1.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1893,	6	8	3	66	35	51	13	10	16	6	3	18	28	17	132	801	11	11	2	—	1237
September,	3	18	3	55	47	52	10	10	15	8	3	15	33	27	141	758	18	9	3	—	1228
October,	7	13	4	61	18	46	5	6	22	4	5	11	31	11	133	667	20	21	5	—	1090
November,	4	7	3	49	40	28	17	10	21	7	10	15	28	23	119	697	19	18	4	—	1119
December,	—	6	1	12	12	18	1	7	6	8	2	4	6	10	77	234	5	4	—	—	413
January, 1894,	—	9	1	27	18	33	5	6	10	4	2	12	23	27	122	620	4	8	1	—	932
February,	2	10	2	34	26	25	4	6	10	5	3	6	27	16	134	512	3	10	—	—	835
March,	1	13	2	41	25	25	1	1	13	3	3	9	20	14	100	598	4	13	—	—	886
April,	1	8	2	26	40	23	2	6	14	4	7	5	26	9	84	572	6	7	2	—	844
May,	4	11	1	21	31	25	4	4	14	4	4	2	28	19	67	552	5	7	—	—	803
June,	2	15	—	54	37	63	3	8	21	8	5	17	36	18	102	651	8	10	—	—	1058
July,	4	12	1	70	57	47	8	2	19	13	3	10	40	17	113	761	7	14	1	—	1199
Total,	34	130	23	516	386	436	73	76	181	74	50	124	326	208	1324	7423	110	132	18	—	11544

With the exception of the fortnight during which the library was closed, the cataloguing has gone on without interruption, though the progress made during the latter half of the year has not been as great as during the earlier portion. This has been due chiefly to the fact that the subjects treated latterly have been more troublesome to classify and catalogue than those previously done—Law, Government, and Administration having been particularly difficult. In addition to this the demands upon the time of the librarian in his administrative duties have been so great that occasionally the cataloguing has been delayed from his inability to find time to prepare the books for the cataloguer.

The books on all the subjects except Bibliography and the Book Arts and the reference books have been done. There are however to be considered the books received from Fairman Rogers, which will still further delay the completion of the work. It will probably take until the end of the calendar year to catalogue all that remains to be done. The number of books catalogued since the last annual report is 4,000 volumes and 1,398 pamphlets making the whole number thus far catalogued 34,811 volumes, and 1,398 pamphlets.

It should be noted that only about one half of the unbound pamphlets in the library have been catalogued. The work of cataloguing these has been postponed, partly because they are of less importance than the books, and partly because, being unbound, it has been found that the cataloguing of pamphlets which are subsequently to be bound together is unsatisfactory through liability to error. The unbound pamphlets should be bound as soon as it can be done in order that they may be catalogued.

In consequence of lack of funds no volumes have been bound during the past year. The rapid increase of our periodicals and the steady deterioration of the bound books from use, not to say occasionally from abuse, makes the need of money for binding quite imperative. So little binding has been done for the past two or three years that probably six or eight hundred dollars would be re-

quired to put into covers those books and periodicals which at present absolutely require binding. Mr. H. G. Marquand has recently promised eighty dollars for binding such books or periodicals as most need it.

The William H. Potter memorial gallery which was put up in the the Delivery Room last December has given the library a measure of relief for its overcrowded shelves. It will hold about 2,800 volumes. Owing to the fact that a gallery is much less accessible than the floor only such books have been put in it as are infrequently consulted. There are at present: Departmental reports of the U. S. Government, Medicine, Military and Naval Arts, Law, Government and Administration. Notwithstanding the number of books which the new gallery holds it has not much more than provided shelf room for the overplus of volumes, and given shelf room for the increase of the Government documents. The library is still too crowded to permit a systematic arrangement of its books, and some departments are yet overcrowded.

It seems desirable that attention should be called to the fact that the Delivery Room needs more natural light. In ordinary weather it is too dark for reading, except near the front windows, and in cloudy weather gas has to be burned all day. Only on sunny afternoons is the room adequately illuminated. A dome with glass side lights, such as exists in the Reading Room appears to be the only way in which this difficulty can be overcome. The burning of gas so much of the time in this room is not only trying to the eyes, but is also expensive.

Last year the room in which the works of fiction are kept was found to be so crowded that there was no space on the shelves for additions. In order to provide the necessary room—there being no place to which the books could be moved—the fiction was overhauled and all the old and infrequently read copies were taken out and put in one of the side rooms. At the same time the juvenile fiction was separated and put in a place by itself so as to be readily accessible to those looking for stories for children. The Fiction Room is still too small to hold all the novels and

juveniles, which have overflowed into the Delivery Room. In fact the day is not distant when the whole of the Delivery Room will have to be used for reference books and fiction.

Now that the cataloguing is nearly finished some action should be taken looking to the disposal of the duplicates. Piled up as they are on the top of the cases in the East Room they are not only useless but unsightly. It is recommended that they be disposed of as soon that can conveniently be done.

From time to time during the past year several books have been found missing from their places on the shelves. In two or three instances missing books have silently reappeared in their places after a lapse of time, but a number are still absent. Displacement may account for some of the lost books, but not for all. The only way in which loss by theft may be prevented is by absolutely prohibiting access to the shelves on the part of the public. This however, in such a library as ours is not recommended. The loss of a few books does not outweigh the advantage to readers of access to the shelves. In order to determine just how many books are missing a shelf-list to the whole library is necessary, and after the library is catalogued this should be immediately undertaken.

Miss Gosling—the assistant upon whom falls the duty of charging the books and such other incidental work as may properly be delegated to her—has performed her work with the most praiseworthy diligence and conscientiousness. The library is very fortunate in having so capable and urbane a clerk.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1894.

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| <p>American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American naturalist.
 Antiquary.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)
 Book-buyer.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Catalogue U. S. Government publications.
 Century.
 Charities review. <i>From</i> Newport Charity Organization.
 Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>
 Classical review.
 Collector. <i>From</i> Dr. H. R. Storer.
 Contemporary review.
 Coöperative index to periodicals.
 Cosmopolitan.
 Critic.
 Deutsche rundschau.
 Dial.
 Edinburgh review. (American edition.)
 Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>
 English historical review.
 English illustrated magazine.
 Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i>
 Fliegende blaetter. <i>From</i> Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</p> | <p>Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Free Russia. <i>From the manager.</i>
 Garden and forest.
 Geographical journal. <i>From</i> F. Sheldon.
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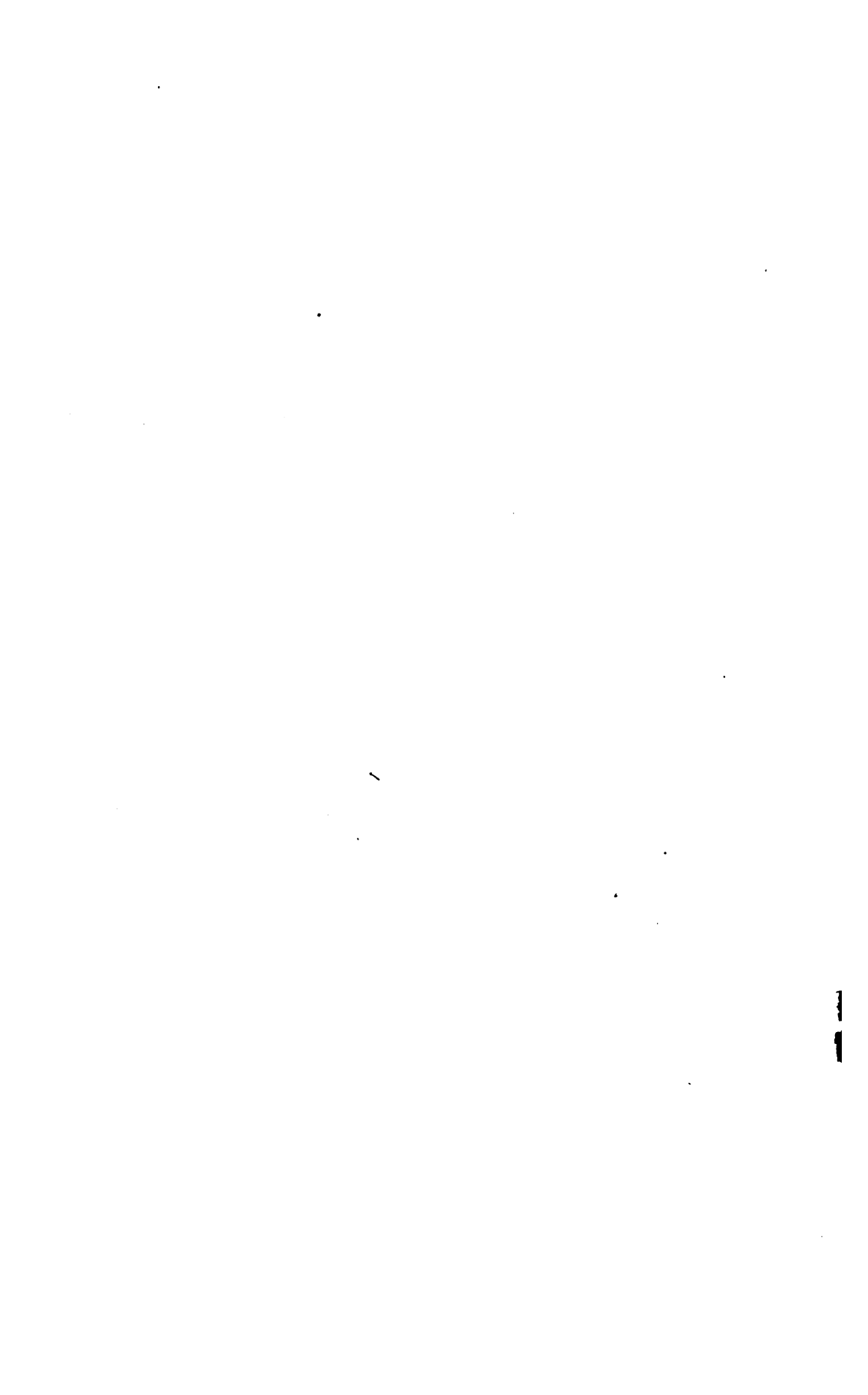
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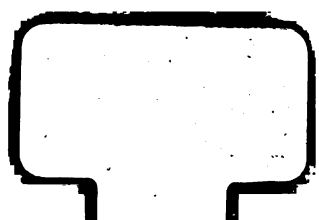
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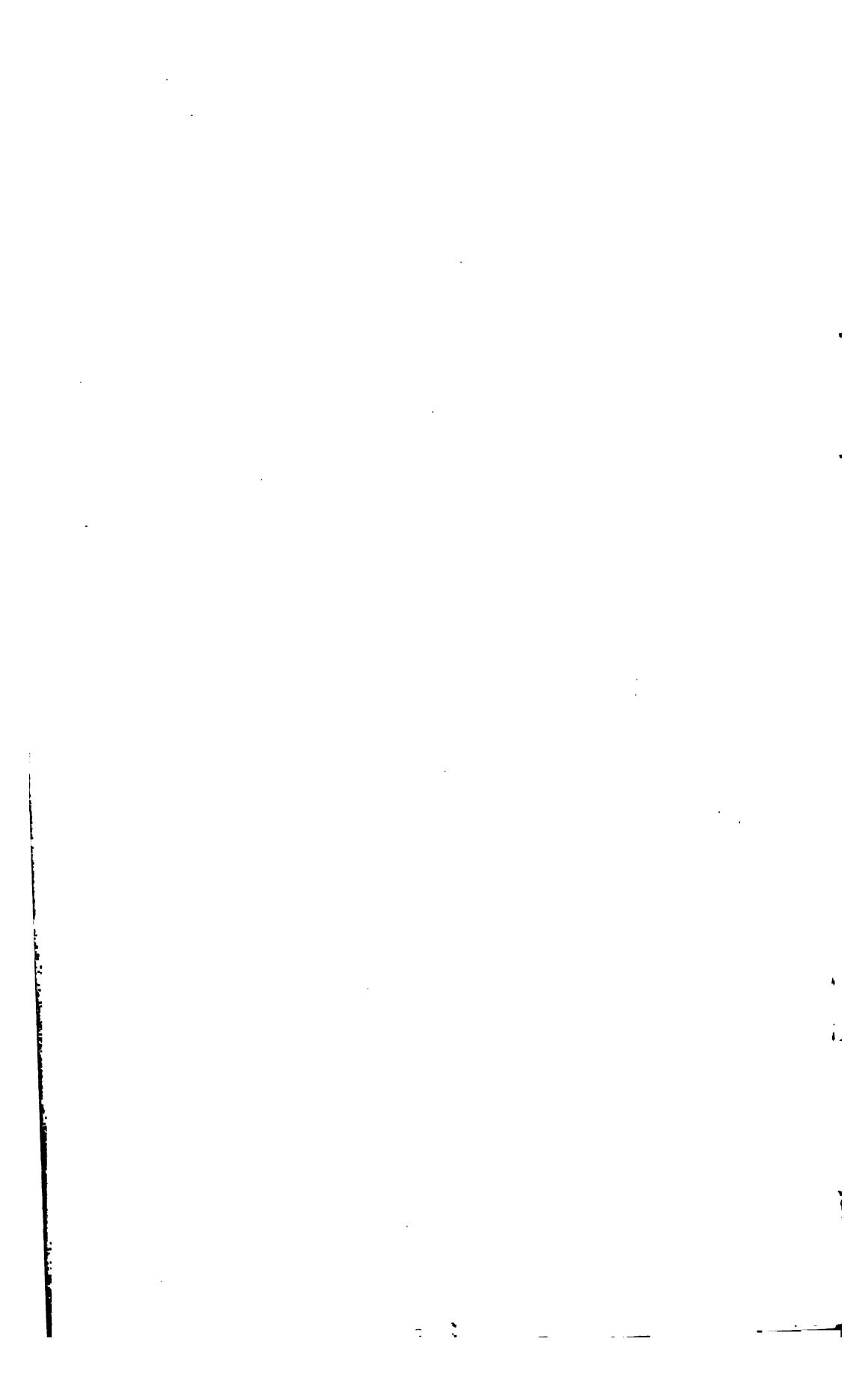
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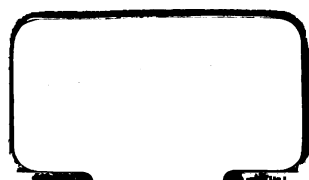
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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH
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Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1895.



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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, A. D. 1895.

The one hundred and sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 21st, A. D. 1895, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary of the Corporation, and Dr. Henry E. Turner was chosen Chairman; a quorum of the stockholders in person and by proxy was ascertained to be present. The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Annual Report of the Directors to the stockholders was presented, and also the annual reports of the Librarian and Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. George Gordon King it was voted that said reports be received, and that five hundred copies thereof be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

On motion of Mr. King, the following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: William W. Covell, Charles Warren Lippitt, George Spooner, Henry Marquand, and Ruth B. Franklin.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

On the announcement that Mr. LeRoy King declined again to serve as President of the Corporation, it was voted to proceed to the election of officers.

The following were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	.	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	.	Henry H. Fay.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Directors :

Arthur B. Emmons,	John Hare Powel,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
LeRoy King,	Henry E. Turner,
Louis B. McCagg,	George W. Wales.

It was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to placing or continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's account for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Gibbs, it was voted to adjourn.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report as follows for the year ending Wednesday, August 21st, 1895:

Colonel William Gilpin, who died on August 25th, 1894, in his eighty-eighth year, was long a Director, and for three years Vice President of this Institution, which is indebted to him for his conservative advice and kindly interest in its welfare.

Colonel Gilpin was born in Newport, was a lawyer by profession, and spent the greater part of his long and honorable life in this community, where he was highly respected and esteemed.

The late ex-Governor Charles C. Van Zandt, who died in June of last year, was for several years a Director here, and during that time gave much valuable aid and assistance. His legal ability and genial presence were always most welcome at the meetings of the Board.

It is with great pleasure that the Directors announce the approaching completion of the Card Catalogue, which has been admirably made by Mrs. Bliss at a minimum of cost.

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When this work was first undertaken in the year 1888, with very limited means at our disposal, its accomplishment seemed very far off, and yet in looking back the time now does not appear to be so long, and certainly its cost has been moderate. Thanks to the kind friends who have by their financial aid made it possible to carry on the work, we now have, or soon shall have, a complete inventory of our property open to the use of all our stockholders and subscribers.

A printed Catalogue of the Library was published in 1860—thirty-five years ago—and since then until now we have had no accurate list of the books on our shelves.

It is hoped to print a Catalogue by sections, when and as our means will permit, and any contributions for this object will be gratefully accepted.

The Directors deem this a fitting time to thank their Librarian for his excellent care and charge of the Library during the past eleven years.

An important addition to the Library since our last report is the book stack erected in the large East Room from the fund given by Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston. It has already proved to be most useful in providing needed space for books, and a more detailed account of it will be found in the Librarian's Report.

The Directors voted as usual to renew the lease for one year of a place for a pole on the sidewalk to the Newport Illuminating Company upon the same terms as last year.

The number of taxes collected this year is 149 as against 154 last year.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith presented; also the Librarian's Report.

The number of books added during the year by purchase is 345; by gift, 412; pamphlets, 314; periodicals, 57.

The number of books now in the Library is 41,336.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

LE ROY KING, PRESIDENT,
for the Directors.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1895. Aug. 20.	1895. Aug. 20.	By Payment:—		
To balance from former account,	\$411.47	Book Account,	.	\$1,084.60
Incidental acct., \$16.40		Incidental " "	.	2,493.47
Catalogue acct., 211.76; Binding acct., 100.00 }		Catalogue " "	.	211.76
Amount received for 149 Taxes:—		Binding " "	.	157.86
Incidental acct.,	596.00	For Shelving from Potter Fund,		1,245.00
Book acct.,	149.00			\$5,192.63
		By Balance in the National Bank of Rhode Island,		
To amount received from Subscriptions,		due the following accounts:—		
" " " " " " " "		Incidental Account,	.	122.99
To Interest from Bonds, Incidental Funds,		" "	.	42.20
" " " " " " " "		Binding	.	165.10
To Interest from Deposits in the Savings Bank of				
Newport from the following Funds:				
John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$200.00			
William S. Rogers " "	160.00			
George G. King " "	40.00			
Robert Rogers " "	40.00			
Gen. Geo. W. Cultum " "	73.63			
William H. Potter Fund, " "	75.10			
Special Preferred Share Fund, " "	52.24			
General Current Expense Fund, " "	20.88			
	661.85			
To Amount withdrawn from W. H. Potter Fund				
in the Savings Bank of Newport for Shelving,	1,245.00			
To Donation from H. G. Marquand for Binding,	100.00			
Borrowed from the National Bank of Rhode Island,	390.00			
	\$5,357.82			

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

Newport, R. I., August 21, 1895.
I have examined the accounts of Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer of Redwood Library, and find them correct, and the bonds and investments to be as stated by him.
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.,
Auditing Committee.

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport:—

John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000.00
William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000.00
Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000.00
George G. King Book Fund,	1,000.00
David King Book Fund,	1,956.99
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
William H. Potter Fund,	1,255.00
Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,306.29
General Current Expense Fund,	522.11
2 Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds E. Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	1,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co. 5%,	3,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Oxford Copper Co. 6%, G. W. Gibbs Fund,	3,000.00

\$52,040.39

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the thirteenth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1894-95.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 15, 1894,	40,579
No. of volumes added by purchase,	345
No. of volumes added by gift,	412
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Total in the Library, August 21, 1895,	41,336
Pamphlets added,	314
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	57
Continuations,	40

The number of volumes added by purchase is about the same as last year and the year before. The number of volumes added by gift is rather less than in the past few years, particularly last year, when the number of books was very largely increased by the addition of Professor Fairman Rogers' donation. Most of the books issued for home use are those of recently published works, and as in most cases the Library buys only one copy of a book, the demand for new books, particularly in summer, when our reading public is doubled, has for the past two years largely exceeded

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

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August, 1894,	10	16	7	53	51	66	11	2	14	8	8	14	48	15	138	848	18	11	2	—	1340
September,	2	18	3	42	46	43	12	7	16	16	3	7	25	11	98	767	23	13	3	—	1155
October,	3	10	5	66	67	50	11	1	25	4	2	14	39	16	126	787	15	18	2	—	1261
November,	8	5	1	35	39	47	6	2	20	11	6	11	26	17	132	712	15	6	2	—	1101
December,	7	10	5	35	33	33	12	3	19	5	3	11	28	16	125	574	9	7	0	—	935
January, 1895,	6	6	3	38	59	42	6	4	18	0	5	18	31	11	64	677	10	18	0	—	1016
February,	4	0	2	43	31	31	4	3	19	6	4	17	31	16	137	648	8	13	2	—	1019
March,	4	9	2	52	41	36	7	3	29	2	5	19	32	16	142	720	7	11	1	—	1138
April,	6	3	3	27	33	34	5	2	19	5	1	5	20	18	94	663	8	9	1	—	956
May,	4	4	2	28	32	49	12	2	27	3	4	2	18	20	75	669	5	10	3	—	969
June,	7	11	4	48	30	55	11	3	30	8	8	12	21	10	85	735	2	7	2	—	1089
July,	8	11	4	68	57	50	13	3	31	3	6	9	41	6	96	879	15	11	1	—	1312
Total,	69	103	41	535	519	536	110	35	267	71	55	139	360	172	1312	8679	135	134	19	—	13291

At the beginning of last year it seemed certain that the cataloguing would be finished at the end of the year. This opinion was based upon an estimate of the number of books in the Library then uncatalogued. The addition of the Fairman Rogers collection, however, upset these calculations. Had the books in this collection been left uncatalogued until the rest of the Library had been catalogued, the work would have been nearly, if not quite, finished at the end of the calendar year. But so many books of the Rogers collection were needed for circulation that it was deemed advisable to catalogue them before proceeding with the remainder of the Library. This carried the work over into the current year, and in January last the money appropriated for cataloguing purposes was exhausted. Since that time comparatively little cataloguing has been done. Mrs. Bliss has, however, without remuneration, catalogued the new books as they have come in, and has also done more or less work on the general catalogue. The number of books still uncatalogued is about 1,000 or 1,200. These books are odds and ends, left over or overlooked in the general cataloguing, together with some sets of periodicals and a few reference books. There are now no definite subjects, except maps, left uncatalogued. The number of pamphlets catalogued this year is 927, and the number of books catalogued since the last report is 2,597.

During the past year Mr. H. G. Marquand has given \$100 for binding. Most of this money has been used for binding a number of French books which have, from time to time, been bought, or been given to us, and which have been waiting until we had means to put them in covers. None of our periodicals have been bound for two years. In addition to his gift of \$100, Mr. Marquand has generously offered to pay for binding the volumes of Stevens' Facsimiles, which he has previously given to the Library.

Last winter the special committee appointed to provide additional shelf-room, by means of the money generously given last year by Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston, accepted the plans of the Westervelt Manufacturing Company for the Stikeman shelving, and thereupon that com-

pany erected, on the north side of the East Room, an iron stack containing 588 shelves; accommodating, with room for growth, about 11,000 volumes. When the stack was completed there were transferred to it most of the volumes in the Reading Room, and all the books, except reference books, in the Delivery Room. The stack now contains Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Biography, Geography, Travels and Description, and English and American Literature. This stack not only relieves the crowded state of our shelves, but permits a systematic and orderly arrangement of most of the subjects in the Library. The Delivery Room now contains on its shelves only works of reference, and the more popular American magazines. It may be well to mention the fact that the new stack has so far given the most perfect satisfaction. It is not only light, airy, with easily adjustable shelves, but it is likewise ornamental.

Among the changes necessitated by the erection of the stack was the disposal of the antiquarian and natural history specimens which have hitherto found a place in the East Room. By a vote of the Directors these articles were placed on deposit in the Historical and Natural History rooms, in the Historical Society's building on Touro street, where unquestionably they will serve a better purpose than they would in the Library.

When the wall cases in the East Room were taken down to make room for the stack, two of them were set up on the long desk in the Fiction Room, and upon these shelves were put all the juvenile works of fiction. While this is a convenience for those seeking reading for the young, the position of the cases greatly darkens the room, and makes it difficult to read the titles or class-marks of books behind the cases. Even the two gas jets do not overcome the difficulty, since they are too far away. If the juvenile cases are to remain, additional gas light for this room will be necessary. But the room devoted to fiction is far too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of books of this class, and some of the shelves are overfull. Still it is difficult to see where else in the Library books of this class of books can be put.

During the cataloguing of the Library between 2,000 and 3,000 volumes of duplicates were set aside to be sold. These Mr. H. B. Tompkins, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in selling to a dealer in old books in New York.

Attention is again called to the lack of sufficient natural light in the Delivery Room. In last year's report the disadvantages accruing from so insufficient a light, and the necessity of burning gas so much of the time, was strongly insisted on. It is to be hoped that ere long something may be done to make the Delivery Room better suited for the work of the Library and the consultation of books.

The condition of the cellar of the Library is such as to demand immediate attention, since, in its present state, it is a source of injury to the books, and a menace to the health of the occupants of the building. At every heavy rain water pours into the cellar, and, there being no drainage, stands on the hard earth floor until it is gradually absorbed. In spring and fall it is not uncommon to find a foot or more of water over nearly all the cellar. Even in the driest seasons the cellar is never dry, and in summer it is generally so damp and cold that a tolerably thick fog may be seen in that part of the cellar lying under the East Room. This condition of the cellar is extremely detrimental to the books in the rooms above, and it is largely owing to this that so many books in the Library are more or less covered with mould. The only remedy for this undesirable state of things is, apparently, to have the cellar thoroughly cemented.

Last spring the cocoa matting, which for several years has covered part of the floor of the Delivery and Reading rooms, was found to be so worn and so full of dirt that it was taken up. The comfort of the readers in the Library requires that the floors of both these rooms be entirely covered with some kind of sound-deadening covering, which shall not, like cocoa matting, become a receptacle for, and an agent in, distributing dust.

Too much praise cannot be given to Miss A. E. Gosling, the charging clerk, for the tact and efficiency with which she has discharged the irksome and, at times, ardu-

ous duties of her position, and also for the willingness and capability she has shown when called upon to take charge of the Library when illness, or other causes, necessitated the absence of the chief officer.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1895.

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| <p>American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy.
 <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Antiquary.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)
 Book-buyer.
 Bookman.
 Book reviews. <i>From Messrs. Macmillan.</i>
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Century.
 Christian arbitrator. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>
 Contemporary review.
 Coöperative index to periodicals.
 Cosmopolitan.
 Critic.
 Deutsche rundschau.
 Dial.
 Edinburgh review. (American edition.)
 Electrical world. <i>From Walcott Gibbs.</i>
 Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>
 English historical review.
 English illustrated magazine.
 Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i></p> | <p>Fliegende blaetter. <i>From Mrs. D. H. Hayden.</i>
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Garden and forest.
 Geographical journal. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i>
 Gentleman's magazine.
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Hardwicke's science gossip.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Harper's round table.
 Harvard graduates' magazine.
 <i>From the Harvard Club of R. I.</i>
 Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>
 Illustrated London News.
 The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
 Iowa churchman. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Journal of education.
 Journal of geology.
 Knowledge.
 Land of sunshine. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Library journal.
 Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Literary world.
 Littell's living age.
 London times. (Weekly edition.)
 Macmillan's magazine.</p> |
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- Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
 Nation.
 Nature.
 Natural science.
 New budget.
 New earth. *From the publisher.*
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New review.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport Convocation journal. *From the editors.*
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Pall Mall magazine.
 Popular science.
 Popular science monthly.
- Providence daily journal.
 Public opinion.
 Publishers circular.
 Publishers weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)
 Review of reviews.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 R. I. Historical Society publications. *From the Society.*
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific temperance mo. advices. *From Mrs. M. Hall.*
 Scottish review.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican. *Gift.*
 Tablet. *Gift.*
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
 Velhagen & Klasings monatshefte.
 Westerly Narragansett weekly. *From the publisher.*

List of Donors to the Library.

- Almon, A. B., 1 vol., 1 pph.
American Art Association, 1 vol.
American Colonization Society, 1 periodical.
American Humanitarian League, 1 vol.
Amherst College, 1 pph.
Amherst College Library, 4 pphs.
Angell, George T., 1 vol.
Anonymous, 3 vols., 1 pph.
Astor Library, 1 pph.
Austin, Amory, 9 vols., 1 pph.
Austin, Mrs. I. J., 1 vol.
Baker, Mrs. Richard, 4 vols.
Balch, E. S., 1 vol.
Bixby, Captain W. H., 1 pph.
Bliss, Richard, 89 vols., 1 pph.
Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.
Boston Public Library, 1 pph.
Boston Record Commissioners, 2 vols.
Bourke, Capt. J. G., 2 pphs.
Bronson Library Fund, 2 pphs.
Brooklyn Library, 1 pph.
Brown University, 2 pphs.
Burt, Dr. S. S., 1 vol.
Butler, Miss A., 2 vols.
Canada Geological Survey, 1 vol.
Chase, W. L., 1 vol.
Chicago Public Library, 1 pph.
Cincinnati Public Library, 1 vol., 1 pph.
Cobden Club, 2 pphs.
Cole, G. W., 1 pph.
College of New Jersey, 1 vol.
Cooke, Mrs. J. P., 1 pph.
Cust, R. N., 2 vols., 2 pphs.
DePeyster, Gen. J. Watts, 3 pphs.
Emmons, A. B., 1 vol., 59 pphs., 17 periodicals.
Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1 pph.
Fall River Public Library, 1 pph.
Fearing, A. C., Jr., 1 vol.
Fearing, D. B., 12 vols., 50 pphs.
Fearing, Mrs. G. R., 5 vols.
Field Columbian Museum, 1 pph.
Fitzgerald, Desmond, 1 vol.
Francis, Claude de la R., 1 vol.
Friends Free Library, 1 pph.
Friends Yearly Meeting, 1 pph.
Gibbs, Dr. W., 3 vols., 8 pphs.
Grand Rapids Board of Trade, 1 pph.
Grant, F. W., 1 pph.
Green, Dr. S. A., 1 vol., 1 pph.
Gregory, H. E., 1 pph.
Harris, William T., 1 vol.
Harvard University, 1 vol., 1 pph.
Hayden, Mrs. D. H., 6 vols.
Hearn, George A., 1 vol.
Indian Rights Association, 4 pphs.
James, Prof. B. W., 1 vol.
Jersey City Free Library, 1 pph., 11 periodicals.
Jordan, Mrs. M. C., 5 pphs.
Langley, A. G., 3 pphs.
Langley, Mrs. A. G., 3 vols.
Lanier, Mrs. S. E., 1 vol.
Lapham, Hon. Oscar, 2 vols., 1 pph.
Latrobe, Hon. F. G., 1 pph.
Lawrence Free Public Library, 1 pph., 5 periodicals.
Leffingwell, Dr. Albert, 4 pphs.
Le Soudier, H., 1 vol.

- Lenox Library, 1 pph.
 Library Co. of Philadelphia, 2 periodicals.
 MacKaye, Dr. H. G., 1 vol., 1 pph., 26 periodicals.
 Marquand, H. G., 2 vols.
 Massachusetts Commissioner Public Records, 3 vols., 1 pph.
 Massachusetts Institute Technology, 2 pphs.
 Michigan State Board of Health, 1 vol., 8 pphs.
 Milwaukee Public Library, 1 pph.
 Minneapolis Public Library, 1 pph.
 Moore, Mrs. Bloomfield, 1 vol.
 Nat. Civil Service Reform Association, 1 pph.
 Newark Free Public Library, 1 pph.
 New Bedford Free Public Library, 1 pph.
 Newport Hospital, 1 pph.
 Newport Superintendent of Schools, 2 vols., 6 pphs.
 Newton Free Library, 1 pph.
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
 New York Maimonides Library, 1 pph.
 New York Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 Nickerson, S. D., 2 pphs.
 Otis Library, 13 periodicals.
 Peabody Institute, Baltimore, 1 pph.
 Peabody Institute, Danvers, 2 pphs.
 Pearson, H. G., Memorial Committee, 1 vol.
 Pell, Mrs. D. C., 2 vols.
 Peoria Public Library, 1 pph.
 Perkins Institute, 1 pph.
 Pitkin, Prof. C. A., 2 pphs.
 Portland Library Association, 2 pphs., 9 periodicals.
 Potter, W. H., 1 pph.
 Powel, John Hare, 1 vol.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 6 vols.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Providence Athletic Association, 1 vol.
 Providence Public Library, 1 pph.
 Providence Record Commissioners, 3 vols., 1 pph.
 Randolph, Richard, 1 vol.
 Rankin, Dr. F. H., 40 vols.
 R. I. College of Agriculture, 1 pph.
 R. I. Commissioners World's Columbian Exposition, 1 vol.
 R. I. Factory Inspectors, 1 vol.
 R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
 R. I. Medical Society, 1 pph.
 R. I. School of Design, 1 pph.
 R. I. State Board of Charities, 1 pph.
 R. I. State Board of Health, 1 vol.
 R. I. Veteran Association, 1 pph.
 Rogers, Mrs. W. B., 1 vol., 6 pphs.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 2 pphs.
 Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
 Salem Public Library, 1 pph.
 San Francisco Board of Supervisors, 1 vol.
 San Francisco Free Public Library, 1 pph., 1 periodical.
 San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, 1 pph.
 Sherman, Mrs. A. K., 1 vol.
 Smithsonian Institution, 4 vols.
 Society of Colonial Wars, 1 pph.
 Somerville Public Library, 1 pph.
 Southwick, J. M. K., 1 pph.
 Springfield City Library Association, 2 pphs.
 Starbuck, Miss M. E., 1 pph.
 Stevens, Mrs. H. L., 2 vols., 2 periodicals.
 St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, 1 pph.
 St. Louis Public Library, 2 pphs.

- Storer, Dr. H. R., 4 vols.
 Taber, Abraham, specimen from
 whaler "Rousseau."
 Taunton Public Library, 1 pph.
 Thayer, Henry Otis, 1 vol.
 Thomas, Col. Addison, 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 1 vol., 1 peri-
 odical.
 Trumbull, Jonathan, 1 vol.
 U. S. Bureau of Education, 2 vols.
 U. S. Bureau of Labor, 2 vols.
 U. S. Census Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. Chief of Engineers, 7 vols.
 U. S. Chief of Ordnance, 1 vol.
 U. S. Civil Service Commission, 2
 vols.
 U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
 1 vol.
 U. S. Commissioner of Patents, 2
 vols.
 U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 1 vol.,
 39 pphs.
 U. S. Dept. Interior, 137 vols.,
 3 pphs.
- U. S. Dept. Treasury, 2 vols.
 U. S. Fish Commission, 3 vols.
 U. S. Geological Survey, 1 pph.
 U. S. Life Saving Service, 1 vol.
 U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 pph.
 U. S. Office Superintendent of
 Documents, 22 vols.
 U. S. Ordnance Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. Superintendent Schools, 2
 vols.
 University of Vermont, 1 pph.
 Voorhees, Hon. D. W., 51 vols.
 Wadsworth, M. E., 1 pph.
 Wetmore, Hon. G. P., 2 vols.
 Wilson, George, 1 pph.
 Winthrop, R. C., Jr., 2 vols.
 Worcester Free Public Library, 1
 pph.
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1
 pph.
 Yale University, 2 pphs.
 Zeballos, Dr. Don Est. S., 3 pphs.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.
Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M.	1	Marquand, Henry G.	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman)	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Norman, George H.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B.,	1
Cornell, Mrs. Alice, Estate,	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sears, David, Estate,	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sherman, Isaac (N. Y.)	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Spooner, George	1
Foster, John	1	Smith, Howard	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Stalgg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson)	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hogan, Mrs. Annie N.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wales, George W.	1
King, LeRoy	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
Malcolm, Rev. Charles H.	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
		Willett, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Denniston, George	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Baker, Darius	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Fay, Henry H.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Fludder, James	4
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fludder, William	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Foster, John	2
Buffum, William P.	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Callender, Elizabeth, Estate	1	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gould, Edward W., Estate,	2
Chase, William L.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Child, Rev. William S., Estate,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hamilton, William	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H.	1
Covell, William W.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John	
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	M. Cross)	1
Crandall, George F.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3
DeBlois, H. M.	1	Hazard, John A. Estate, (of T. G.)	1
DeBlois, Henry D.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1

Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane)	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
King, Clarence	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Powel, John Hare	1
King, David, Jr., Estate,	1	Pumpelly, Raphael	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, George G.	4	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, William H.	6	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lawton, George	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur)	2	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Spooner, George	1
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Stevens, Achilles	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Stevens, William, Estate,	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mason, George C., Estate,	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Mason, Ida M.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Morris, Wistar	1	Terrill, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Newton, Mrs. Abby E., Estate,	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Newton, Edward	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	1
Newton, Mary H.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Nicolai, Mrs. Mary E.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Norman, Stephen H., Estate,	2	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
		Turner, Dr. Henry E.	1
		Turner, Henry E., Jr.,	1

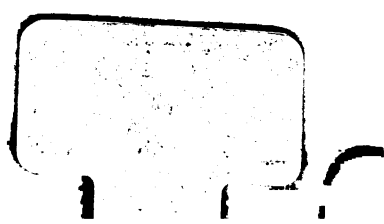
Tweedy, Edmund	2	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2
Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1	Wharton, Thomas I.	1
Underwood, William J.	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1	Wilson, J. Hazard	1
Ward, Henry N.	1	Withers, Creighton	1
Weaver, John G., Estate,	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
Weaver, Sarah C.	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Weld, William G.	1	Wormeley, Katharine P.	1

LIFE MEMBERS.

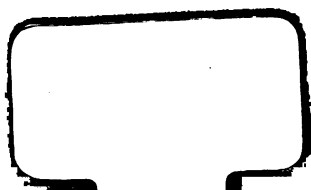
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchesse de
Dunn, Thomas
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, Mrs. Edward
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry
Marquand, H. G.

Mason, Ellen F.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Potter, William H.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph







ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT

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DIRECTORS

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1896.

NEWPORT, R. I.
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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1896-7.

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TREASURER:

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SECRETARY:

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Standing Committees of Directors.

ON BOOKS.

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ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

GEORGE G. KING,	LOUIS B. McCAGG,
ROBERT S. BARKER.	

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,	LOUIS B. McCAGG.
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ON REPAIRS.

JOHN HARE POWEL,	GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	ARTHUR B. EMMONS.
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ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER,	FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 1896.

The one hundred and sixty-sixth annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 19th, and adjourned to September 2d, A. D. 1896, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Henry G. Marquand, President; Mr. G. G. King was elected Secretary *pro tem.* A quorum of Stockholders in person and by proxy was ascertained to be present. The reading of the records of the last Annual Meeting was dispensed with. The President read the Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders. Mr. Sheffield moved that 500 copies of it, together with the Annual Reports of the Treasurer and of the Librarian, and such other matter as is usual, be printed, under the direction of Mr. Arthur B. Emmons.

On motion of Mr. Fay, the following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Elizabeth H. Swinburne, James H. Wilson, Anthony S. Sherman, Sarah H. Eldred, Angus McLeod, Anna M. Ellery, Herbert L. Dyer.

On motion of Mr. Sheffield, it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

Mr. Henry H. Fay declined to serve again as Vice President of the Corporation, and there were two vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by death, viz: Mr. LeRoy King and Mr. George W. Wales.

The following were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice President,</i>	.	.	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Directors.

Robert S. Barker,	John Hare Powel,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	Frederick Tompkins,
Louis B. McCagg,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,

Henry E. Turner.

It was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Sheffield, it was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion, and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

It was voted that Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall shall be the committee to audit the Treasurer's Account for the ensuing year.

Meeting adjourned.

G. G. KING,
Secretary, *pro tem.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 19th, 1896:

The Directors are this year able to announce, and it gives them the greatest pleasure to do so, that the work of cataloguing the books of the Library is practically finished. As far back as 1888, this work was begun, and its completion is due to the continued and oft repeated liberality of some of the Library's friends. We now have a record of all the books on our shelves, and a careful search of the catalogue will reveal many rare and costly volumes. This year 2,129 books and 229 pamphlets have been catalogued. The number of books added during the year by purchase is 310, and by gift, 397, making the total number of volumes in the Library at this date 42,043. A large number of valuable books need to be re-bound—friends of the Library would confer a great benefit by making additions to the fund set apart for that purpose. Many valuable illustrated works in sheets are exposed to injury.

During the past year the Committee on Repairs was authorized by the Directors to make extensive repairs to

the building, and needed improvements to the grounds, and the Committee has done the work in a most satisfactory and economical manner. Reference has been made on a former occasion to the necessity of making a large sky-light in the west room, somewhat similar to the one in the middle room. The necessity for this additional light is very apparent and evident to everybody who enters the Library on dark days, and as all the clerical work is done in that room, artificial light has to be resorted to almost continuously. If the Stockholders would only take this matter in hand, it would be a great economy to the Library, and a great benefit to the eyes of those who do the Library's work.

Two bequests, of \$1,000 each, the income to be used for incidental expenses, have been made to the Library during the past year, one by Mr. LeRoy King and one by Mr. Weld.

The year past has been marked by the death of several of the most important friends in the history of the Library. Conspicuous among them is that of Mr. LeRoy King, who served as President, and gave much time and money to the Institution. His name is held in great honor by the citizens of Newport, and his influence for good has been very marked. Another benefactor, showing much public spirit, was Mr. George Gibbs, once a resident of Newport, and later in life removed to California, where he died. His name we may couple with that of the founder of the Library, in the extent of his gifts. Also we record the deaths of Mr. George W. Wales and Mr. William G. Weld, both of whom manifested a systematic and continued interest to the close of their respective lives.

During the year the interest in the Library, of visitors who spend only a portion of the year in Newport, has increased, and given much encouragement to the Directors.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

HENRY G. MARQUAND,
President.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1896. Aug. 10.	To balance from former account, Incidental account, Binding account, " " " " " "	\$122.99 } 42.20 }	\$65.19	1896. Aug. 10.	By Payments: Incidental Account, Book Account, Catalogue Account, Binding Account, " " "	\$2,280.24 990.52 338.30 49.75
To amount received from 149 Taxes, Subscriptions, " " " "			745.00			\$3,588.81
To Interest received on Bonds, General Expense Funds, received on Bonds, Book Funds, " " " " " "			35.87			
To Interest received from Funds in the Savings Bank of Newport, R. I.:			106.00			
John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$200.00		1,053.10	By Bill of C. Burdick & Sons for Repairs and Improvements paid from W. H. Potter Fund, from Pa. Notes, National Bank of Rhode Island, from Potter's fund:		644.35
William S. Rogers " "	100.00		470.99	Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport to the Credit: Preferred Share Fund,		790.00
George G. King " "	40.00			LeRoy King Expense Fund,		100.00
Robert Rogers " "	40.00			W. G. Weld Expense Fund,		1,000.00
David King " "	79.67			By Balance in the National Bank of Rhode Island		
Genl. W. Cullum " "	86.00			due the following accounts:		567.73
W. H. Potter, General Fund,	18.60			Book Account, " "	\$411.14	
Special Preferred Share Fund,	53.24			Binding " "	92.45	
General Current Expense Fund,	20.88			Catalogue Account, " "	61.70	
LeRoy King Expense Fund,	10.00			Incidental " "	2.44	
			702.39			
To Donation from H. G. Marquand for Binding, Donation for Catalogue account,			100.00			
Cash from sale of Preferred Share to T. M. Davis,			400.00			
Cash withdrawn from W. H. Potter Fund,			100.00			
Bequest from LeRoy King for Expense Fund,			1,434.35			
" " W. G. Weld for Expense Fund,			1,000.00			
			\$7,690.89			

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposits in the Savings Bank of Newport:

John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000.00
William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000.00
Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000.00
George G. King Book Fund,	1,000.00
David King Book Fund,	2,000.00
General George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
William G. Weld General Fund,	1,000.00
LeRoy King General Fund,	1,000.00
William H. Potter Fund,	989.40
Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406.29
General Current Expense Fund,	522.11
2 Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, General George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg R. R. 5%, General George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond New Jersey Central R. R. 5%, W. H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. 7%,	1,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000.00
3 Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Termi- nal 5%,	3,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%,	1,000.00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	1,000.00

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1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R.	
	4%,	\$1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co.	
	5%,	3,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Orford Copper Co. 6%, George W.	
	Gibbs Fund,	<u>3,000.00</u>
		\$52,917.80

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1895-6.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 21, 1895,	41,336
No. of volumes added by purchase,	310
No. of volumes added by gift,	397

Total in the Library, August 19, 1896,	42,043
Pamphlets added,	341
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	34
Continuations,	65

The number of volumes added both by purchase and gift is somewhat smaller than that of the previous year. Future reports, however, will probably show an increase, as the bequests which the Library has recently received will enable us to purchase more freely. Nevertheless, our Library is not yet in a condition to buy many of the more expensive works, even in the departments most commonly asked for, such as biography, travels and the fine arts.

On account of the price scarcely any books have been added to the latter department, and very few to the department of travels.

Books of travel are generally issued by the publishers in large heavy volumes—presumably on account of the illustrations which under the modern “Process” methods are larger than the old wood-cuts were. This greatly increases the cost of such books, and makes it impossible for us to buy as many such as we should do in order to meet the wants of our readers. Of reference books we have been able to purchase but few, and the gaps in this department unfortunately still remain unfilled. Among the more important gifts should be mentioned the continuation of Stevens’ Facsimiles of American Manuscripts, from Mr. H. G. Marquand; nine parts of the elegant “Bibliographia,” and a set of the translations of the Seismological Society of Japan, both from Hon. D. B. Fearing.

The number of books issued for home use shows a slight increase over that of last year; the total number of volumes being 13,404 against 13,291 of the year before. This figure—considering the number of our readers, and the fact that only a very few books, and these among the works of fiction, are represented by more than one copy—indicates a wide variety in the reading of our public. It would perhaps be for the benefit of our readers if we could afford to buy more than one copy of a popular work. But taking into account the size of the Library, the comparatively small income for the purchase of books, and the ephemeral character of most popular books, the purchase, except in special cases, of more than one copy of a book at a time can scarcely be recommended at present. The proportion of fiction, exclusive of serial novels, taken from the Library the past year is slightly in excess of that for the previous year, namely: 66.4%.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
6833	9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544	13291	13404

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	65
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology.	.	.	.	.	.	118

4.	Ecclesiastical history,	36
5.	Biography,	613
7.	History,	563
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	520
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	172
H.	Physical science,	44
I.	Natural science,	178
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	86
T.	Theatre, Music,	59
U.	Fine arts,	106
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	352
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	183
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	1330
Vf.	Fiction,	8908
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	127
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	124
Y.	Language,	14
Z.	Miscellaneous,	6

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS.

	I.	2.	4.	5.	7.	A.	C.	H.	I.	N.	T.	U.	V.	Va.	Vb.	Vf.	Vp.	X.	Y.	Z.	Total.
August, 1895,	13	6	3	55	57	63	7	3	24	4	8	9	36	14	85	961	13	12	0	0	1373
September,	4	9	0	67	52	63	17	1	17	7	11	11	25	10	113	817	19	12	3	1	1259
October,	6	7	1	66	42	56	22	2	24	1	6	7	25	30	100	842	15	8	2	0	1262
November,	7	18	10	55	47	34	12	1	18	9	5	12	25	18	105	810	17	7	0	0	1210
December,	5	4	0	31	35	30	12	4	8	8	1	4	19	25	81	588	3	9	0	0	867
January, 1896,	2	10	2	39	34	44	12	8	13	8	5	3	38	37	115	617	11	9	3	0	1010
February,	8	14	3	54	66	36	17	9	10	8	0	8	50	7	88	610	12	18	2	2	1022
March,	2	6	5	43	62	40	12	3	16	5	3	17	28	6	107	698	7	11	1	0	1072
April,	1	8	6	40	48	31	12	2	12	7	6	3	27	12	89	667	8	8	0	0	987
May,	5	4	0	40	29	31	6	3	9	9	5	11	13	5	76	638	3	4	0	1	892
June,	5	14	2	64	38	46	19	1	9	8	4	12	34	11	73	768	5	11	0	1	1125
July,	7	18	4	59	53	46	24	7	18	12	5	9	32	8	98	892	14	15	3	1	1325
Total,	65	118	36	613	563	520	172	44	178	86	59	106	352	183	1130	8908	127	124	14	6	13404

Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, reports that the number of books catalogued during the Library year just ended is 2,129 volumes and 229 pamphlets. The announcement which can now be made that the work of cataloguing the books in the Library is practically finished will be a gratifying one, not only to those members of the Library Company whose interest in this work has prompted them to the pecuniary aid which has made this issue possible, but also to all who use the Library, for whom the catalogue is an indispensable necessity. Mrs. Bliss is now engaged on a final revision of the cards in the drawers, and when that is completed, as it will be in a few weeks, the work which has been carried on with but one interruption for nearly eight years, at a cost of \$2,743, will be finished. It is needful to say while all the bound pamphlets have been catalogued, the unbound ones have not been. These pamphlets, as was pointed out in a previous report, cannot profitably be catalogued until they are bound. They are, however, tied up in bundles preparatory to binding, and some of them are from time to time sent to the binder with other books and periodicals. When returned in covers they will be catalogued as they come in, along with the new books which are from time to time received. As regards the maps, but few of these have been catalogued. The reason for this is that we have no proper place in which to keep them. Most of them are in sheets, and they require drawers sufficiently large to hold them spread out in a flat condition. These we do not possess, and until some such provision is made for them the catalogue mark would afford no clue to their whereabouts. Our sheet maps are not numerous, but it would seem very desirable that a case to hold those we have should be provided as soon as may be. The problem of a suitable arrangement of all the maps is not an easy one, since they appear in several forms—atlases, dissected and mounted maps, maps in covers, and maps in sheets. That they should all, with the exception, perhaps, of the atlases, be kept in one place seems extremely desirable. The atlases, of course, have been catalogued.

In explanation of the long time which it has taken to complete the catalogue, it may be mentioned that, in addition to cataloguing the volumes themselves, all those which have miscellaneous contents have been analyzed. This work, which, by the way, has been done as thoroughly as in the large Boston Athenæum and the Harvard College libraries, has necessarily increased the time and cost, but it has thereby increased the value of the Library to readers by one-third.

Now that the catalogue is finished, it may be useful to point out to those of our readers who are not familiar with it: First, that it is intended for the use of the public, not merely for the use of the Librarian and assistant, and that all may, and indeed are urged to, use it. The arrangement of the cards in the drawers is on the plan of a dictionary; that is, authors and subjects are disposed in one alphabet with the single exception of the fiction cards. Thus Conant, the writer, is followed immediately by Conchology, and this by Concord (Mass.), and the latter by Conde, etc. Or again, Anatole France, the author, precedes France, the Country, and the latter is followed by Francisco d' Assisi, Francia, Francis I, and so on.

Under a Country the cards of the sub-divisions, such as Biography, Description, Education, History, Language, Literature and the like are arranged in alphabetical order. The subject France, for example, and the sub-divisions (costume, history, etc.,) are written in red ink at the top of the card. In Biography the entries are to the author of any biography, and to the subject of the biography—the latter being written in red ink, with the author in black ink on the line beneath. Where there is more than one author to a biography, the authors under the biographical subject (in red) are arranged alphabetically. Mention was made above to an exception to the general alphabetical arrangement of the catalogue in favor of fiction. In this section all the cards—both author and title cards—are arranged in one alphabet immediately after the subject entry Fiction. This has been done to bring all the fiction cards

together and to obviate the necessity of passing from drawer to drawer along the whole length of the catalogue case.

The new shelving—mention of which was made in last year's report—has given to certain departments ample room for growth for some years, but there are other divisions in which the books are somewhat crowded, and practically no room for their growth is afforded. These departments are principally Sociology, European and American History and above all Fiction. The problem of the proper disposal of the novels is a most difficult one. The room devoted to Fiction is altogether too small to hold all our books in this department, and there is no other place in the Library in which they can be put. A temporary relief was obtained three years ago by taking all the very old novels and putting them in the north Entrance Room. Last year the shelves had again become so crowded that another lot of about 500 volumes of the less called for novels was taken out and put in the only unoccupied case left in the Reading Room. That this relief is inadequate is shown by the fact that the Fiction Room is still uncomfortably full, and ere long more books—and these of the class that are still read—will have to be put somewhere else, though where is not obvious. Furthermore, the separation of fiction into three different lots, in three separate places, is extremely inconvenient, both to readers and to the clerk at the desk. All novels, except, perhaps, the very oldest, should be in one place.

A further diminution of the available space for the storage of the books has resulted from the removal of the books from the upper tiers of shelves in the highest cases. The old book-cases in the Library were originally constructed far too high—the highest measuring nine feet above the floor. This renders the books inaccessible without the aid of steps, and that method of reaching the books is inconvenient and not entirely safe. In view of this fact, after the general change was made of transferring books to the iron stack, the books on the two upper shelves of the tallest cases were lowered to within comparatively easy reach. This, as was indicated above, causes a certain loss of shelv-

ing room, and adds to the crowded state of some of the other shelves. In the gallery of the Reading Room, Congressional Documents are, by their rapid increase, filling up the space originally devoted to them, and next year they will begin to encroach upon the books now occupying the gallery of the Delivery Room. It will be seen from the above that it will not be many months before the call for another stack will be imperative.

In the Art Department no accessions are to be reported. The Library possesses an excellent collection of portraits and statuary, and it is desirable that there should be made for them an adequate catalogue—one which shall be something more than a mere list of names. The catalogue of pictures now in use is not only inadequate, but it is in some places inaccurate, and is also incomplete, inasmuch as it does not include the accessions of portraits and statuary since 1885. It is practically a mere reprint of the list published in the Report for 1862, with some additions and corrections. A new and more detailed catalogue of our pictures is greatly to be desired, and as a step toward this end the Librarian has begun the manuscript preparation of such a work. In order, however, that it may be made as correct as possible, each portrait should be taken from the walls and carefully examined for signatures, dates, or inscription on the back. The former will require the help of a couple of men for several days.

Once more attention is called to lack of sufficient natural light in the Delivery Room. Every cloudy day, and every afternoon, except in summer, gas has to be burned in some part of this room, to the injury of the eyes and the health of the occupants. The windows do not give enough light, except on sunny afternoons in summer, to completely illuminate the room; while the catalogue case noticeably diminishes the little light there is on the charging desk. In the catalogue case itself the drawers on the inward side are always in shadow, and the cards can rarely be read without the aid of gas light. A sky-light, such as the one in the Reading Room, in the place of the small,

semi-obscure circle of glass, which now does duty for an overhead window, would give the needful relief.

Since the draining of the grounds about the Library last autumn, the cellar has been free from water, even during heavy rains. However, the dampness of the cellar, which, while not as great as formerly, still exists, and renders it an unsuitable place for the storage of anything perishable, would probably be remedied by a thorough cementation of the cellar walls and floor.

The Librarian once more urges the necessity of having the floors of the Delivery Room, and particularly of the Reading Room, covered with some kind of sound-deadening covering. Readers complain, and not unnaturally, of the noise made by foot-falls on the bare wooden floor—an annoyance which is very largely increased by the many sight-seers which throng the building during visitors' hours in summer. The comfort of the readers and students demands the elimination of all unnecessary noise.

The patrons of the Library are fortunate in still retaining the valuable services of Miss A. E. Gosling, our charging clerk, who has, during the past year, fulfilled the duties of her post with the same faithfulness and efficiency which she has shown in previous years.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1896.

American historical review.	Fortnightly review.
American journal of archæology.	Forum.
American journal of science.	Garden and forest.
American naturalist.	Geographical journal. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i>
Annals of American Academy. <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>	Good words.
Antiquary.	Harper's magazine.
Atlantic monthly.	Harper's weekly.
Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)	Harper's round table.
Book-buyer.	Harvard graduates' magazine. <i>From the Harvard Club of R. I.</i>
Bookman.	Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
Bookseller.	Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>
Boston daily advertiser.	Illustrated London news.
Boston daily herald.	Illustration.
Century.	The Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
Chamber's journal.	Journal des debats. (Hebdo. edition.)
Chap-book. <i>Gift.</i>	Journal of geology.
Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i>	Knowledge.
Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>	Library journal.
Citizen. <i>From the publisher.</i>	Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>
City and State. <i>From the publisher.</i>	Literary world.
Contemporary review.	Littell's living age.
Cosmopolis.	London times. (Weekly edition.)
Cosmopolitan.	McClure's magazine.
Critic.	Montreal weekly gazette. <i>Gift.</i>
Dial.	Nation.
Edinburgh review. (American edition.)	Nature.
Electrical world. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i>	Natural science.
Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>	New earth. <i>From the publisher.</i>
English historical review.	New England historical and genealogical register.
Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i>	

- Jordan, Mrs. M. C., 23 broadsides, 8 pphs., 3 periodicals.
- Kane, Mrs. Walter L., 46 vols.
- Keidel, George C., 1 pph.
- LaFarge, John, 1 vol.
- Lawrence Free Public Library, Report and Bulletins.
- Leland Stanford, Jr., University, 1 pph.
- Leslie, John R., 1 vol.
- Library Co. of Philadelphia, Report.
- Luce, Admiral S. B., 1 vol.
- MacKaye, Dr. H. G., 5 vols.
- Maimonides Library (N. Y.), Report.
- Marquand, H. G., 1 vol.
- Mason, Mrs. A. L., 1 pph., 1 periodical.
- Massachusetts Lodge Free Masons, 3 pphs.
- Mauran, Mrs. J. E., 153 periodicals.
- Mercantile Library (Brooklyn), Report and Bulletins.
- Mercantile Library (N. Y.), Report and Bulletins.
- Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1 vol.
- Michigan Mining School, 1 pph.
- Michigan State Board of Health, 1 vol.
- Milwaukee Public Library, Report.
- Minneapolis Public Library, Report.
- Missouri Botanical Garden (St. Louis), 1 pph.
- Nat. Divorce Reform League, 1 pph.
- Newark Free Public Library, Report.
- New Bedford Free Public Library, Report.
- Newberry Library (Chicago), Report.
- New Haven Free Public Library, Report.
- Newport Charity Organization, 1 pph.
- Newport Engineer Office, 1 pph.
- Newport Hospital, 1 pph.
- Newport Superintendent of Schools, 1 vol.
- Newton Free Library, Report.
- New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
- New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, 1 vol.
- New York Public Library, Report.
- Oberlin College Library, 2 pphs.
- Otis Library (Norwich, Ct.), Bulletins.
- Peabody Institute (Baltimore), Report.
- Pell, Mrs. Duncan C., 4 vols.
- Peoria Public Library, Report.
- Perkins Institution, 1 vol.
- Perry, Rt. Rev. Wm. S., 2 pphs.
- Pitkins, Prof. C. A., 2 pphs.
- Portland (Or.) Library Association, 7 periodicals.
- Potter, William H., 1 pph.
- Powel, Miss M. E., 1 vol.
- Providence Athenæum, Report.
- Providence Athletic Association, 1 pph.
- Providence Public Library, Report.
- Providence Record Commissioners, 1 vol.
- R. I. Adjutant General, 2 vols.
- R. I. Commissioners of Public Schools, 1 vol.
- R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
- R. I. Medical Society, 1 periodical.
- R. I. School of Design, 1 pph.
- R. I. Secretary of State, 3 vols.
- R. I. State Board of Education, 1 vol.

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| <p>R. I. State Board of Health, 1 pph., 4 periodicals.</p> <p>R. I. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, 1 pph.</p> <p>Russell, John A., 1 vol.</p> <p>Rutgers College, 18 pphs.</p> <p>St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, Report.</p> <p>St. Louis Public Library, Report.</p> <p>Salem Public Library, Report.</p> <p>San Francisco Free Public Library, Report, Bulletins.</p> <p>Securities Co. (Philadelphia), 1 vol.</p> <p>Smithsonian Institution, 6 pphs.</p> <p>Society to encourage studies at home, 1 pph.</p> <p>Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association, Report.</p> <p>Stearns, Frank Preston, 1 vol.</p> <p>Stetson, George R., 1 pph.</p> <p>Storer, Dr. H. R., 1 pph.</p> <p>Swan, Robert T., 1 pph.</p> <p>Swinburne, Miss Elizabeth H., 1 vol.</p> <p>Syracuse Central Library, Report.</p> <p>Taunton Public Library, Report.</p> <p>Tompkins, H. B., 1 vol.</p> <p>U. S. Bureau of Education, 2 vols.</p> <p>U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 2 vols., 1 pph.</p> | <p>U. S. Commissioners of Fish and Fisheries, 2 vols.</p> <p>U. S. Commissioners of Patents, 1 vol.</p> <p>U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 3 vols., 85 pphs</p> <p>U. S. Dept. of Labor, 3 periodicals.</p> <p>U. S. Dept. State, 16 vols., 24 periodicals.</p> <p>U. S. Life Saving Service, 1 vol.</p> <p>U. S. National Museum, 1 vol., 5 pphs.</p> <p>U. S. Secretary of Interior, 2 pphs.</p> <p>U. S. Superintendent of Documents, 170 vols., 47 pphs., 12 periodicals.</p> <p>U. S. Surgeon General, 2 vols.</p> <p>U. S. Treasury Dept., 2 vols.</p> <p>University of California, 1 pph.</p> <p>University of Vermont, 1 pph.</p> <p>Wetmore, G. P., 1 vol.</p> <p>Wheeler, Joseph, 1 pph.</p> <p>Whipple, John, 8 vols.</p> <p>Woburn Public Library, Report.</p> <p>Worcester Free Public Library, Report, 1 pph.</p> <p>Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.</p> <p>Wormeley, Miss K. P., 3 vols.</p> <p>Yale University, 1 vol.</p> |
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LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M.	1	Malcolm, Rev. Charles H.	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	1	Marquand, Henry G.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman),	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Norman, George H.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B.	1
Cornell, Mrs. Alice, Estate,	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sears, David, Estate,	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sherman, Mrs. Elizabeth (N. Y.),	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Spooner, George	1
Foster, John	1	Smith, Howard	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson)	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hogan, Mrs. Annie N.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Jessup,* Alfred D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
McLeod, Angus	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
		Willet, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Allen, Erastus P.	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Denniston, George	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Baker, Darius	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Bigelow, Mrs. Anna M.	4	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Breeze, Thomas, Estate,	1	Fludder, James	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fludder, William	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Foster, John	2
Buffum, William P.	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.	4
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Callender, Elizabeth, Estate,	1	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gould, Edward W., Estate,	2
Chase, William L.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Greene, William B.	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Hamilton, William	1
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Covell, William W.	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)	1
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John	
Crandall, George F.	1	M. Cross)	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
DeBlois, H. M.	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3
DeBlois, Henry D.	1	Hazard, John A. Estate (of T. G.),	1

Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Hunter, Mary R. (Mrs. W. L. Kane)	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Powel, John Hare	1
King, Clarence	1	Rankin, Dr. Francis H.	4
King, David, Estate,	5	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, David, Jr., Estate,	1	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
King, George G.	4	Rider, Philip	1
King, William H.	6	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lawton, George	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Smith, Dr. William H.	1
Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. G. V. Wilbur)	2	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Spooner, George	2
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Stevens, Achilles	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	1
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T., Estate,	1
Mason, George C., Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Mason, Ida M.	1	Terrill, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Morris, Wistar	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Newton, Mrs. Abby E., Estate,	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Newton, Edward	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Newton, Mary H.	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
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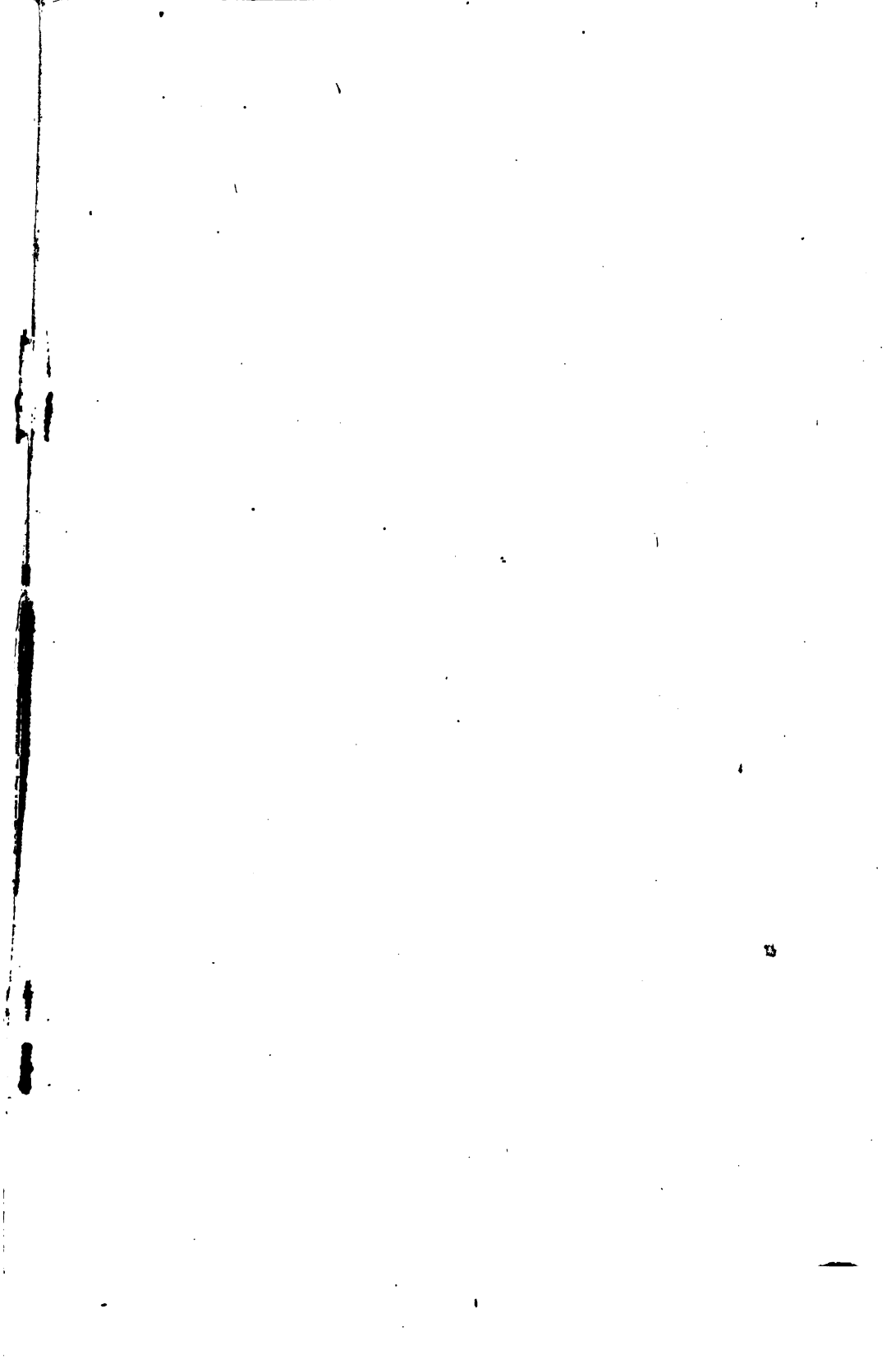
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Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1	Wilson, J. Hazard	1
Ward, Henry N.	1	Withers, Creighton	1
Weaver, John G., Estate,	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
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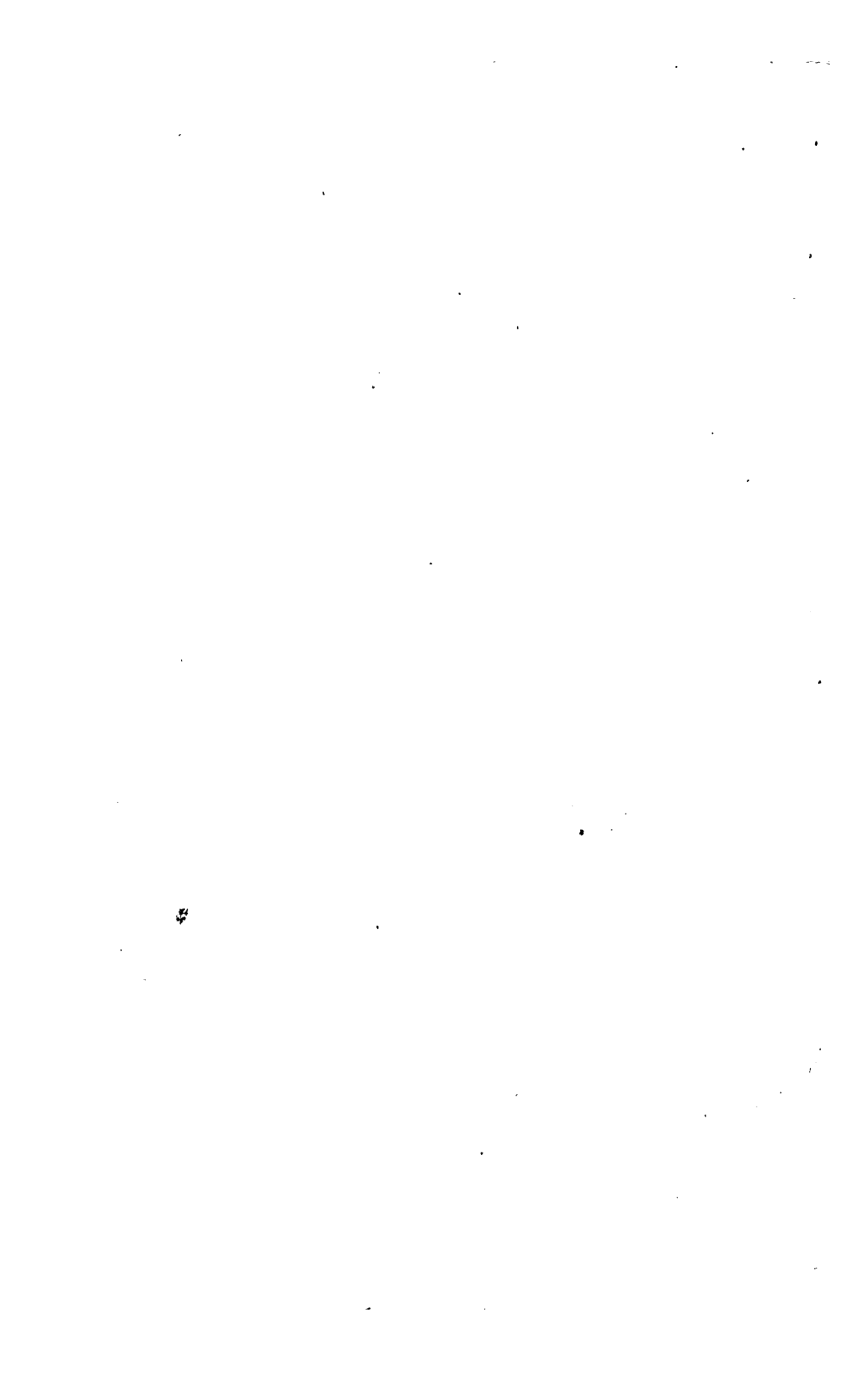
LIFE MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander
Anderson, Miss M. M.
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Brown, John Nicholas
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchesse de
Dunn, Thomas
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, Theodore K.
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Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
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King, Mrs. Edward
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Lorillard, Pierre
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry

Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen E.
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Norman, George H.
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Parkinson, C. B.
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Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
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Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1897.





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OFFICERS

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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

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PRESIDENT:

HENRY G. MARQUAND.

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ROBERT S. BARKER,	JOHN HARE POWEL,
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THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

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Standing Committees of Directors.

ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING,	LOUIS B. McCAGG,
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ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

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ROBERT S. BARKER.	

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,	LOUIS B. McCAGG.
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ON REPAIRS.

JOHN HARE POWEL,	GEORGE G. KING,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.	

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	ARTHUR B. EMMONS.
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ON EXPENDITURES.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,	FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
STEPHEN B. LUCE.	

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1897.

The one hundred and sixty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 18th, 1897, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Arthur B. Emmons. A quorum of Stockholders in person and by proxy was ascertained to be present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The chairman read the Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders. The reports of the Librarian and Treasurer were presented and read, and upon motion of Rev. Charles H. Malcolm it was voted that five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such other matter as is usual, be printed, under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: Margaret H. Bokee, William S. Sherman, M. D., Elenor Whipple Huntington, Edward L. Spencer, George Tucker, Bispham *et al.* Trustees of Brinley Estate, Mrs. Thatcher T. Bowler, Lucy P. Brownell, Nina M. Wilks, Mrs. Edith Hope Slater, H. Wallace Briggs, Annie A. Sherman, Benjamin Thaw, Mrs. Abby S. Crandall.

Upon motion it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed against each share, subject to assessment.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Directors.

Robert S. Barker,	Louis B. McCagg,
Daniel B. Fearing,	John Hare Powel,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
George Gordon King,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
Stephen B. Luce,	Frederick Tompkins,
	Hamilton B. Tompkins.

It was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

On motion it was voted that the Directors be authorized in their discretion, and if they see fit so to do, to contract with the Newport Illuminating Company in regard to continuing one pole on the Library sidewalk for a term not exceeding one year.

On motion of William P. Sheffield, Jr., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That this Corporation accepts the legacies of books and of three hundred dollars of money bequeathed to it by George H. Calvert, and accepts the same for the purposes and subject to the conditions expressed in the

will of said donor, and that our Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to receive said legacies and to execute due acquittance and release therefor, for and in behalf of this Corporation.

Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Coggeshall were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 18th, 1897:

The past year has been a favorable one for the Library in more than one respect, but notably in the two important gifts received, as well as in the many lesser favors from its numerous friends and well-wishers. Late in the fall of last year Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston, who has already on two previous occasions shown such munificent generosity towards the Library, made us an additional gift of three thousand dollars, which has been added to the already existing fund bearing his name, to be used for the purposes for which Mr. Potter intended it.

The second notable addition was the Calvert Library, left as a bequest under the will of the late George H. Calvert. This bequest was coupled with the following conditions: "My books to the Redwood Library, in said Newport, with the exception of a hundred, more or less, which my wife may select and dispose of otherwise; also the sum of three hundred dollars to said Library Corporation, to

be expended in procuring cases for said books and in making and printing at least one hundred copies of a catalogue thereof; and said books are bequeathed to said Library on condition that they shall always be kept separate by themselves in the cases as aforesaid procured for them." This Library contains something over eleven hundred volumes, relating chiefly to Literature, Biography, and History, most of which are new to the Library. They are for the most part fine editions, and bound, and constitute altogether a most valuable accession to the Library. Another important gift is that of fifty-two volumes, mostly scientific, from the Library of the late General Gouveneur K. Warren, presented by his widow.

Dr. William C. Rives made a donation of one hundred dollars for the purpose of starting a fund for the printing of the catalogue.

Our President, Mr. H. G. Marquand, has again repeated his generous donation of one hundred dollars for the purpose of binding books.

The portrait of Gilbert Stuart, by himself, belonging to the Library, which was badly cracked and in danger of serious injury, has, through the kindly interest and action of Colonel Honey, with the coöperation of Mr. Marquand, been transferred to a new canvas and judiciously restored, as a labor of love, by Mr. George H. Story, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The limit of the shelf room in the Library had practically been already reached through natural growth (and the Rogers gift in 1893), when the sudden accession of the Calvert Library rendered the immediate provision of more shelf room imperative. The Special Committee having had in charge the erection of the iron stack in 1894 were authorized to contract with Messrs. Westervelt & Co., of New York, for the erection of a second story on the existing iron stack.

This work will be carried out in the early fall as soon as the press of work for similar construction in other libra-

ries will permit of their beginning it, and should, in the normal growth of the Library, provide shelf room sufficient for a number of years to come. The Library is enabled to make this very necessary addition through the generous provision of Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston, and the expense of it will be defrayed out of the Potter Fund.

In the death of Dr. Henry E. Turner, whose relations to the Library have been so fully set forth in the resolutions on his death, drawn up by the Hon. William P. Sheffield, and adopted by the Board of Directors, the Library has lost one of its oldest members and officers. His first official connection with the Library dates back to 1841, and he has served for many years as a Director and also as President.

The past year has shown a very marked increase in the circulation over the year before.

The increase of books added by purchase is somewhat in excess of last year, as is also that by gift, leaving out of account of course the Calvert bequest.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
Vice-President.

Dr. **Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum.** Or.

1897. Aug. 17.	To balance from former account, Book account, Binding account, Catalogue account, Incidental account, To amount received from 165 Taxes, " " " Subscriptions, " " " Fines, To Interest received on Bonds, Book Funds, " " " Gen. Expense Funds, " " " from Funds in the Savings Bank of Newport, viz.: John Carter Brown Book Fund, William S. Rogers " " George G. King " " Robert Rogers " " David King " " William G. Weld Expense Fund, LeRoy King " " Gen. Geo. W. Cullum Book " William H. Potter Fund, William H. Potter Building and Im- provement Fund, Special Preferred Share Fund, Current Expense Fund,	\$567.73 \$411.14 92.45 61.70 2.44 835.00 421.00 39.49 630.55 1,115.83 \$200.00 100.00 40.00 40.00 80.00 40.00 40.00 39.56 60.00 56.24 20.88 856.68
1897. Aug. 17.	By Payments: Incidental Account, Book " Catalogue " Binding " By Deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport: Printing Catalogue Fund, William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund, By Balance in the National Bank of Rhode Island, due the following accounts: Book Account, Incidental "	. . . . . \$4,301.08 1,312.43 61.70 272.60 100.00 3,000.00 \$489.86 118.21 \$608.07
	To Donation from Dr. Wm. C. Rives for Printing Catalogue, Donation from Henry Galbrith Ward for Bind- ing, Donation from William H. Potter,	100.00 100.00 3,000.00 \$7,655.98

We have examined the above account with the Trustees and find
same correct.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 17, 1897.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., { Auditing Committee.
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, }

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport:

	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000.00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000.00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000.00
	George G. King Book Fund,	1,000.00
	David King Book Fund,	2,000.00
	Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
	LeRoy King,	1,000.00
	William G. Weld,	1,000.00
	William H. Potter Fund,	989.40
	William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund,	3,000.00
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406.29
	Current Expense Fund,	1,522.11
	Catalogue Printing Fund,	100.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bonds Rome, Waterloo & Ogdenburg R. R. 7%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5% H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, Wil- liam H. Potter Fund,	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Orford Copper Co. 6%, George W. Gibbs Fund,	3,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Termi- nal 5%,	3,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000.00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%, Coupon Script Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000.00 150.00

1	Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 5%	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%	1,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%	1,000.00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co. 5%	3,000.00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%	1,000.00
	Nine Shares Preferred Stock Oregon R. R. & Navigation Co.,	900.00
		<hr/> \$57,067.80

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,
Treasurer.

Newport, R. I., August 17, 1897.

We have examined the above accounts and have compared them with the Securities and find them correct.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., }
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, } Auditing Committee.

Obituary Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held on the 9th of August, 1897, the following preamble and resolutions, prepared by William P. Sheffield, LL. D. were accepted:

WHEREAS, Henry E. Turner, long an officer of the Redwood Library, and at the time of his decease a member of the Board of Directors of that institution, was on the second day of June, A. D. 1897, removed from this life, and it is fitting that this Board should place upon its records some memorial of the life and character of their deceased associate. It is, therefore,

Resolved: That in Doctor Turner we recognized one who by a longer line of distinguished ancestry was intimately connected with the history of the State from its colonial origin; his paternal emigrant ancestor, William Turner, was one of the pioneer Baptists of Boston, and was then found to be worthy of persecution for his religious belief. In the time of Philip's war he raised a company for the service of the Colonies from his denominational associates, and fought a severe battle with and obtained a signal victory over the Indians at a place on the Connecticut river, in which his name is perpetuated as "Turner's Falls." On his return from that field he was ambuscaded by the Indians and killed. Dr. Henry Turner's grandfather, Peter Turner, was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War, and was present and participated in some of the most severe engagements of that contest.

Roger Williams, the founder of Providence, was among his maternal ancestors. The first Governor, William Greene, was the grandfather of the grandfather of Dr. Turner's mother, and her grandparents were the second Governor William Greene and Katharine Ray Greene, the latter the correspondent with Dr. Franklin, whose letters are published in the autobiography of that celebrated philosopher and statesman. His mother was the daughter of Ray Greene, who was a Senator in Congress.

Dr. Henry E. Turner was a remarkably just man, with the courage to do right, as he saw the right on all occasions—too generous to others to be just to himself, and faithful to duty, as he saw his duty in all of his relations of life. If at times he seemed harsh in his manner, it was the harshness of truth, or if in isolated instances he appeared to be aggressive it was the aggression of justice as he understood that virtue.

To the Redwood Library he has been a faithful officer and friend, and to this Board a useful and agreeable associate, and while we sincerely lament his loss, we cannot forbear expressing our thanks, that his usefulness to the community in which he lived and to this institution was extended to the fullness of years, which in life he attained.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary, be forwarded to the widow of the deceased.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY;

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1896-7.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 19, 1896,	42,043
No. of volumes added by purchase,	353
No. of volumes added by gift,	1,602
No. of volumes added by binding,	56

Total in the Library, August 18, 1897,	44,054
Pamphlets added,	315
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	48
Continuations,	133

The number of volumes added to the Library by purchase this year is somewhat larger than that of the previous, 353 as against 310, while the number of books added by gift is very much larger, owing mainly to the Calvert bequest. Even without this, the number of donations this year (458) is a little in excess of that recorded in the previous report. The number of pamphlets received is 26 less than last year.

The Calvert bequest consists of the greater part of the library of the late George H. Calvert, and forms the largest

collection of books given to the Library since the gift of Fairman Rogers, in November, 1893. The number of books in the Calvert bequest is 1,115. The books embrace all classes of literature, but the majority of them belong to belles-lettres, literary history, biography and history. The collection is especially rich in books concerning Goethe and Goethe literature—a large part of these being in German. Nearly all the books are in perfect condition, and comparatively few are duplicates of those now in the Library. It is unfortunate that, according to the terms of Mr. Calvert's will, the collection must be kept together, since this not only interferes with the classification system of the Library, but increases the labor of cataloguing and marking. Among the lesser donations mention should be made of a gift of fifty-two volumes—mainly scientific—by Mrs. G. K. Warren, from the library of her late husband, General G. K. Warren.

The number of books issued for home use during the year, as shown by the subjoined table, exhibits a marked increase over that of last year. The increase in circulation last year over the year before was 113, and the increase this year over last year is 1,097. The circulation of works of fiction is largely increased, showing a gain of 1,063. The gain of the year previous was 211. The number of books purchased in this department of literature is about one-third of the whole number, and the percentage of fiction circulated is 68.7.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
9534	9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544	13291	13404	14501

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	41
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	103
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	72
5.	Biography,	.	.	.	.	715
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	527

A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	519
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	118
H.	Physical science,	42
I.	Natural science,	159
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	71
T.	Theatre, Music,	40
U.	Fine arts,	172
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	395
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	103
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	1,129
Vf.	Fiction,	9,971
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	173
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	134
Y.	Language,	11
Z.	Miscellaneous,	6

During the past year Mrs. Bliss has, without pay, done much work in the catalogue department. She has revised the whole of the card catalogue—correcting errors in the collocation of the cards, and harmonizing the entries—and has written and inserted “guides” to aid the seeker in finding the author or subject wanted. She has also catalogued all the new volumes that have been added, and such others as have been overlooked in the previous cataloguing, as well as those that have been added to the shelves by binding. The number of volumes catalogued during the year is 825.

Recognizing the desirability of having a printed catalogue of the books in the Library, Dr. William C. Rives has generously given us \$100.00, as a contribution toward a fund for printing one. It is hoped that other friends may increase the amount to a sum sufficient for printing lists of, at least, the most important subjects (particularly fiction), if not of the whole. It is not designed to supersede the excellent card catalogue which we have, but a short title finding list would be of great use to our readers. Experience has shown that people naturally dislike to subject themselves to the inconvenience of standing in a con-

strained position turning over cards, and if the cards to be consulted are numerous the disinclination amounts practically to a prohibition. A printed list then, which can be carried home, or consulted at ease in the Library, is eminently desirable.

The Library is once more indebted to the generosity of Mr. Henry G. Marquand for the binding and rebinding of 140 volumes. This number includes but few periodicals. The books sent to the bindery this year have been either new books in paper covers, serial publications of societies, or previously bound books which were in need of rebinding. The amount we have for binding is, unfortunately, not equal to the demand upon it. The number of periodicals which now need binding is very large, as very few have been put in covers during the past three years.

The need of more natural light in the Delivery Room, and of a sound-deadening covering for the floors of the Reading and Delivery rooms, to which attention was called in the previous report, unfortunately still exists. If these changes could be made, and an adequate and pleasant method of heating the building in winter be adopted, the Library would be very well equipped for its work, while the comfort of those who frequent the Library, and of the officials who are engaged in the building would be greatly increased.

The Library is fortunate in having retained the efficient services of Miss A. E. Gosling, who has filled the exacting position of charging clerk and general assistant with thorough faithfulness and discretion.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1897.

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| <p>American architect.
 American historical review.
 American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy.
 <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Antiquary.
 Architectural record.
 Atlantic Monthly.
 Bibliographie de la France.
 Blackwood's magazine. (American edition.)
 Book-buyer.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Century.
 Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>
 Citizen. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 City and State. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Contemporary review.
 Cosmopolis.
 Cosmopolitan.
 Courrier du livre.
 Critic.
 Cumulative index.
 Dial.
 Edinburgh review. (American edition.)
 Electrical world. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i></p> | <p>Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>
 English historical review.
 Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i>
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Garden and forest.
 Geographical journal. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i>
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Harper's round table.
 Harvard graduates' magazine.
 <i>From the Harvard Club of R. I.</i>
 Home journal. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>
 Illustrated London news.
 Illustration.
 Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
 Journal des debats. (Hebdo. edition.)
 Knowledge.
 Land of sunshine. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Library journal.
 Literary news. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Literary world.
 Littell's living age.</p> |
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- London times. (Weekly edition.)
 McClure's magazine.
 Mail. (London.)
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
 Nation.
 National review.
 Nature.
 Nature, La.
 Natural science.
 New earth. *From the publisher.*
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New review.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport Convocation journal.
From the editors.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Popular science monthly.
 Providence daily journal.
 Publishers circular.
 Publishers weekly.
- Punch.
 Quarterly review. (American edition.)
 Review of reviews.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 R. I. Historical Society publications. *From the society.*
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific temperance mo. advices. *From Mrs. M. Hall.*
 Scottish review.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Southern workman. *From A. B. Emmons.*
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican.
Gift.
 Tablet. *Gift.*
 Technological quarterly. *From Mrs. W. B. Rogers.*
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*
 Triangle. *From the Providence Athletic Assoc'n.*
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
 Velhagen & Klasings monatshefte.
 Vom fels zum meer.
 Weather map, Daily. *From U. S. Weather Bureau, Boston.*
 Westerly Narragansett weekly.
From the publisher.

List of Doners to the Library.

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| <p>Adams, Mrs. E. Izard., 1 vol.
 Almon, Miss M. E., 1 vol.
 American Colonization Society, 2 periodicals.
 American Institute of Architects, 1 vol.
 American Museum of Natural History, (N. Y.), 2 vols., 4 pphs.
 American Oriental Society, 1 vol.
 Ancient and Honourable Artillery Co. of Mass., 1 vol.
 Anonymous, 1 vol., 3 pphs.
 Armour Institute of Technology, 1 pph.
 Austin, Amory, 1 vol.
 Austin, Mrs. I. J., 1 pph.
 Benton, J. H. Jr., 1 pph.
 Betton, Miss E. L., 1 vol.
 Bliss, Richard, 6 vols., 2 periodicals.
 Book Association of Friends, 3 pphs.
 Bookstaver, Hon. H. W., 1 pph.
 Boston Public Library, Report, 2 pphs., and Bulletins.
 Boston Record Commissioners, 1 vol.
 Bowdoin College Library, 1 pph.
 Bowen, William, 1 vol.
 Brandon, E. J., 1 vol.
 Bronson Library Fund, Reports.
 Brooklyn New England Society, 1 pph.
 Brown University, 1 pph.
 Calvert, Geo. H., Estate, 1,150 vols.</p> | <p>Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library, Report.
 Canada Geological Survey, 2 vols.
 Chicago Civil Service Commission, 1 vol.
 Chicago Public Library, Report.
 Christ Church Historical Association (Philadelphia), 1 pph.
 Cincinnati Public Library, Report, 1 periodical.
 Cleveland (Ohio) Public Library, 2 pphs.
 Cobden Club (London), 2 pphs.
 Commissioners State Reservation at Niagara, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Committee of American Conference on International Arbitration, 1 vol.
 Conner, Philip S. P., 1 vol.
 Delano, Mortimer, 1 pph.
 Duer, Mrs. William A., 9 vols.
 Dumont, Miss Elizabeth, 1 vol.
 Emmons, A. B., 3 vols., 56 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Enoch Pratt Free Library, Report.
 Essex Institute, 3 bulletins.
 Fairmont Park Art Association, 2 pphs.
 Frazier, H. M., 1 vol.
 Friends Free Library (Germantown, Pa.), Report.
 Gibbs, Dr. W., 3 vols., 10 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Green, Andrew H., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Green, Dr. S. A., 1 vol.</p> |
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- Hart, Charles H., 1 vol., 9 pphs.
 Harvard University, 1 vol.
 Hawaiian Island Dept. of Foreign Affairs, 1 pph.
 Helena Public Library, Bulletins.
 Hoar, Hon. G. F., 1 pph.
 Hotchkiss, Rev. S. F., 1 vol.
 Hubbell, Mark S., 1 vol.
 Indian Rights Association, 7 pphs.
 Interstate Commerce Commission, 1 vol.
 Jersey City Free Public Library, Report and Bulletins.
 King, Mrs. Edward, 1 vol.
 Langley, Alfred G., 3 vols., 2 pphs.
 Lawrence Free Public Library, Report and Bulletins.
 Leland Stanford, Jr., University, 4 pphs.
 Library Co. of Philadelphia, Bulletins.
 Little, Brown & Co., 1 pph.
 MacKaye, Dr. H. G., 2 vols.
 Marquand, H. G., 2 vols., 2 pphs.
 Massachusetts Commissioner Public Records, 1 pph.
 Massachusetts Institute Technology, 1 pph.
 Massachusetts Lodge Free Masons, 4 pphs.
 McCormick, Cyrus H., 1 vol.
 McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., 1 vol.
 May, John Joseph, 1 vol.
 Mercantile Library (Brooklyn), Report and Bulletin.
 Mercantile Library (N. Y.), Report and Bulletin.
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1 pph.
 Michigan Mining School, 1 pph.
 Michigan State Board of Health, 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Miller, Charles K., 1 vol.
 Modern Novel Club, 1 pph.
 Montreal Gazette, 1 pph.
 Munn & Co., 1 vol.
 Nat. Civil Service Reform League, 2 pphs.
 Nat. Democratic Committee, 1 pph.
 Nat. Divorce Reform League, 1 pph.
 Newark Free Public Library, Report.
 New Bedford Free Public Library, Report.
 New Church Young People's Society (Providence), 1 vol.
 New Haven Free Public Library, Report and Bulletin.
 Newport Charity Organization, 1 pph.
 Newport Hospital, 1 pph.
 Newport Superintendent of Schools, 1 pph.
 Newton Free Library, Report.
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
 New York Civil Service Reform League, 1 pph.
 New York Public Library, Bulletins.
 New York Society Founders and Patriots of America, 1 pph.
 New York State Society Cincinnati, 1 pph.
 Otis Library (Norwich Ct.), Report and Bulletins.
 Parsons, J. R., Miller, Louis, Stewart J. F., 1 vol.
 Peabody Institute (Danvers), Report.
 Pell, Mrs. Duncan C., 1 vol.
 Perkins' Institution, 1 pph.
 Philadelphia Free Library, Report.
 Pitkin, Prof. C. A., 2 pphs.
 Potter, William H., 9 vols.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 4 vols., 1 pph., 37 periodicals.

- Pratt Institute (Brooklyn), 1 pph.
1 periodical.
- Providence Athenæum, Report.
- Providence Builders and Traders
Exchange, 1 vol.
- Providence Record Commission-
ers, 2 vols.
- Rankin, Mrs. Francis H., 55 vols.
- R. I. Factory Inspectors, 1 vol.
- R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
- R. I. School of Design, 1 pph.
- R. I. State Auditor, 1 vol.
- R. I. State Board of Health, 1
vol., 4 bulletins.
- Roberts, Ruth T., 1 vol.
- Rogers, Mrs. William B., 2 vols.
- Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
- Russell, John A., 1 vol.
- St. Louis Mercantile Library As-
sociation, Report.
- St. Louis Public Library, Report.
- Salem Public Library, Report.
- San Francisco Free Public Li-
brary, Report and Bulletins.
- Sheldon, Frederick, 2 vols.
- Sherman, W. W., 24 vols.
- Smithsonian Institution, 6 vols.,
14 pphs.
- Society to encourage studies at
home, 1 pph.
- Springfield (Mass.) City Library
Association, Report.
- Stetson George R., 1 pph.
- Stevens, Mrs. H. L., 1 vol.
- Stockwell, G. A., 5 vols., 1 pph.
- Stokes, Anson Phelps, 1 vol.
- Terry, James, 3 pphs.
- Thayer, Mrs. Thatcher, 10 vols.
- Thomas, Col. Addison, 5 vols.
- Tompkins, Hamilton B., 2 vols.
- U. S. Bureau of Education, 4 vols.,
4 pphs.
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bulletins.
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1 bulletin.
- U. S. Coast and Geodetic Sur-
vey, 1 vol.
- U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 1 period-
ical.
- U. S. Dept. State, 1 vol., 16
pphs.
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- U. S. Life Saving Service, 1 vol.
- U. S. National Museum, 3 bulle-
tins.
- U. S. Naval Academy, 1 pph.
- U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 vol.
- U. S. Patent Office, 1 vol.
- U. S. Superintendent of Docu-
ments, 93 vols., 4 pphs.
- U. S. Weather Bureau (Boston),
Daily weather map.
- University of Vermont, 1 pph.
- Wallace, Rev. R. W., 1 vol.
- Warren, Mrs. G. K., 53 vols., 9
pphs.
- Westerly (R. I.) Public Library,
Bulletins.
- Wetmore, G. P., 13 vols.
- Whipple, John, 1 vol.
- Williams, Mrs. G. H., 1 vol.
- Woodbury, John P., 1 pph.
- Wormeley, Miss K. P. 3 vols.
- Worcester Free Public Library,
Report.
- Yale University, 1 vol.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman)	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Briggs, H. Wallace Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Norman, George H.	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Carey, John Jr., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate.	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sherman, Mrs. Elizabeth (N. Y.)	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Spooner, George	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Smith, Howard	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson)	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Thaw, Benjamin	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
McLeod, Angus	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
Malcolm, Rev. Charles H.	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Marquand, Henry G.	1	Willett, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.
(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Denniston, George	1
Baker, Darius	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Bancroft, George, Estate,	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Dyer, Herbert L.	1
Bispham, G. T., et al., Trustees,	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Ellery, Anna M.	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Brownell, Lucy P.	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Fludder, James	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Fludder, William	1
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Estate,	4
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Callender, Elizabeth, Estate,	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Chase, William L.	1	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Greene, William B.	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hamilton, William	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Covell, William W.	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross)	1
Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Dame, Hannah, Estate,	1		

Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Hazard, John A., Estate (of		Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
T. G.),	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Honey, Samuel R.	2	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Huntington, Oliver W.	1	Powel, John Hare	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Rider, Philip	1
King, Clarence	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
King, David, Jr., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Sheffield, William P.	9
King, George G.	4	Sherman, Albert K.	1
King, William H., Estate,	6	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Sherman, Edward A., Estate,	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Sherman, Dr. William S.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Lawton, George, Estate,	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Spencer, Edward L.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Spooner, George	2
Leslie, John R.	1	Stevens, Achilles	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	7
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Terrill, Dr. George, Estate,	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Mason, George C., Estate,	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Mason, Ida M.	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	4
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Morris, Wistar	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Newton, Mrs. Abby E., Estate,	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Tweedy, Edmund.	2
Newton, Mary H.	1	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Underwood, William J.	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1

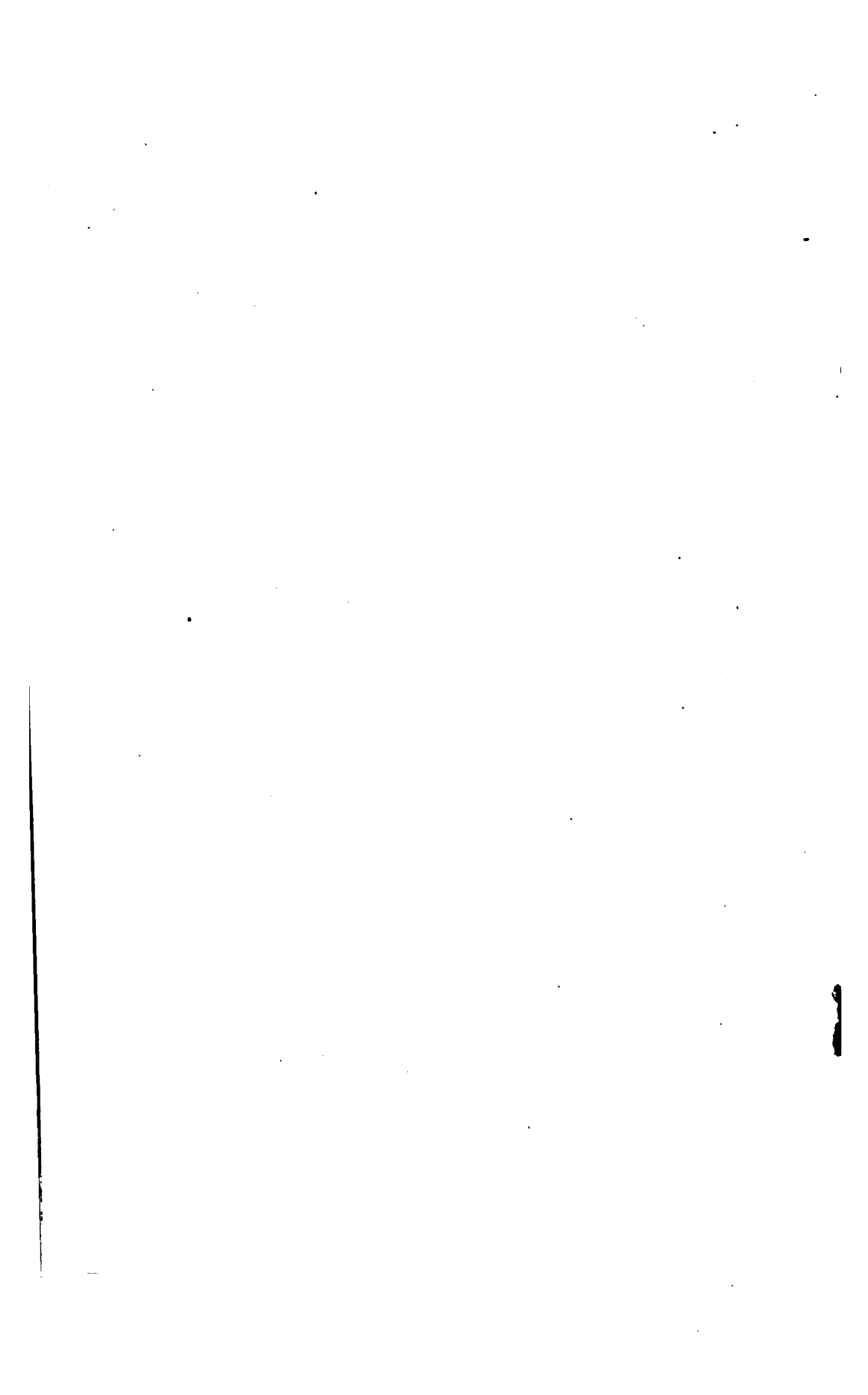
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Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T	2	Woollett, Sidney	I
Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	I	Woolsey, Theodora W.	I
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Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	I		

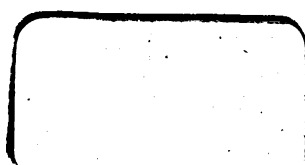
LIFE MEMBERS.

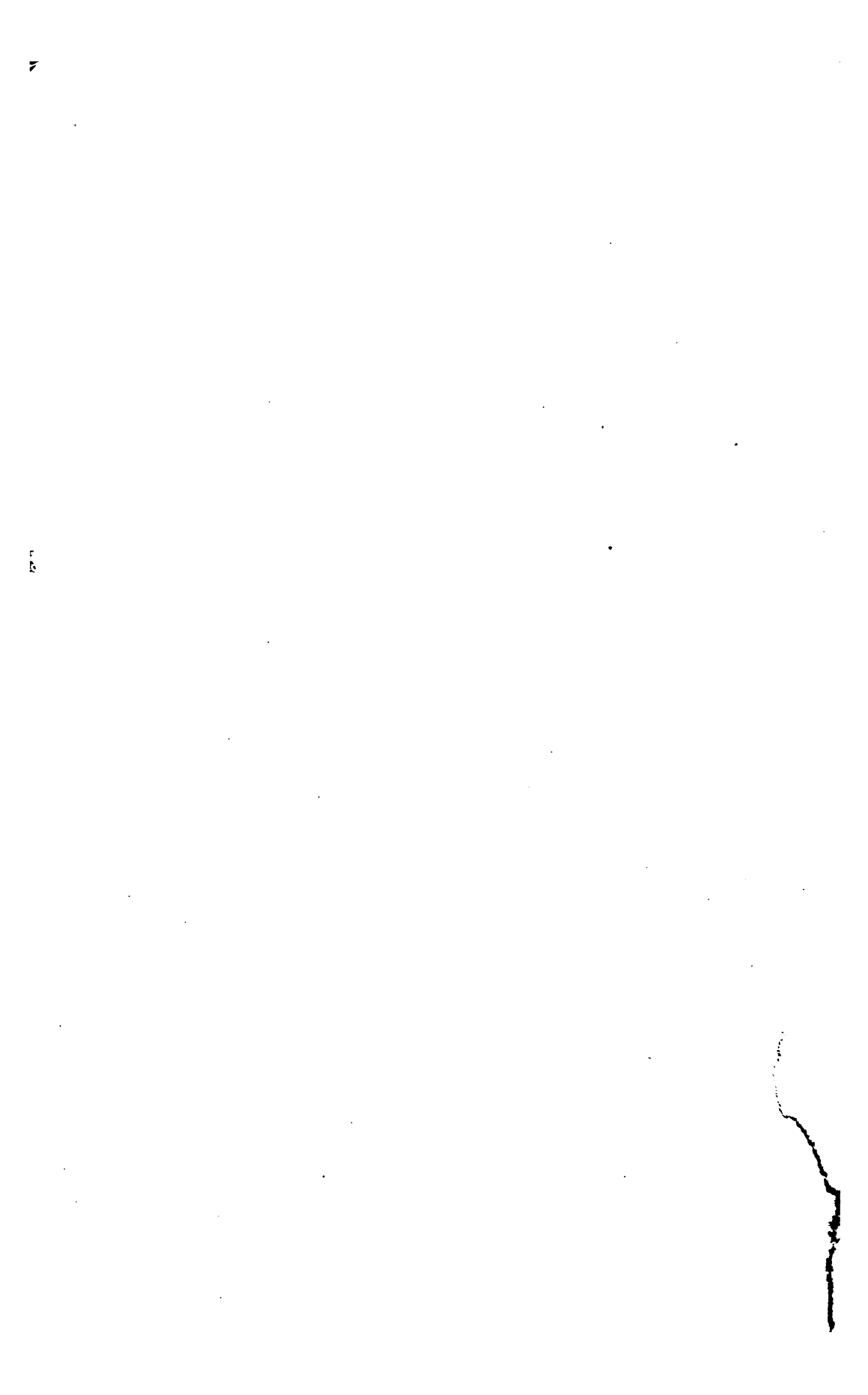
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*. That all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander
Anderson, Miss M. M.
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Brown, John Nicholas
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchess de
Dunn, Thomas
Gibbs, Theodore K.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, Mrs. Edward
King, George Gordon
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry
Marquand, H. G.

Mason, Ellen F.
Mason, Ida M.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.,
Sheldon, Frederic
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Ward, Henry Galbraith
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph









FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the
City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT
ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

DIRECTORS

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1898.

NEWPORT, R. I.
F. W. MARSHALL, PRINTER.
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OFFICERS

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1898-9.

PRESIDENT:

HENRY G. MARQUAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

DIRECTORS:

ROBERT S. BARKER,	LOUIS B. McCAGG,
DANIEL B. FEARING,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
THEODORE K. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
GEORGE G. KING,	FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
STEPHEN B. LUCE,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
G. NORMAN WEAVER.	

TREASURER:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

SECRETARY:

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS, GEORGE G. KING,
STEPHEN B. LUCE, ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
 WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING, LOUIS B. MCCAGG,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

ON FINANCE.

THEODORE K. GIBBS, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
 DANIEL B. FEARING.

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

GEORGE G. KING, LOUIS B. MCCAGG,
 ROBERT S. BARKER.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS, LOUIS B. MCCAGG.

ON REPAIRS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., GEORGE G. KING,
 G. NORMAN WEAVER.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

ON EXPENDITURES.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
 STEPHEN B. LUCE.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1898.

The one hundred and sixty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 17, 1898, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Henry G. Marquand. Mr. W. P. Sheffield, Jr., was chosen Secretary pro tem., in the absence of the Secretary. A quorum of Stockholders in person and by proxy was ascertained to be present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders was read by Mr. A. B. Emmons. The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian were presented and read, and upon motion of Mr. Emmons it was voted that five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such matter as is usual, be printed under the direction of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

The following persons, having received transfers of shares during the year, were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: Charles A. Gillen, Dr. H. J. Knapp, David Pinniger, Mary J. Smith, Miss Fanny Foster, William H. Chase, John C. Bancroft, Mrs. Olney Arnold.

Upon motion of Mr. F. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed against each share, subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Treasurer's salary for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Directors.

Robert S. Barker,	Louis B. McCagg,
Daniel B. Fearing,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	Frederick Tompkins,
Stephen B. Luce,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,

G. Norman Weaver.

On motion it was voted that the Directors give notice to the Newport Illuminating Company to remove the pole on the Library sidewalk within thirty days, and that they take such measures in their discretion as are necessary for its removal.

Mr. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and Mr. John S. Coggeshall were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
Secretary pro tem.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

— OF THE —

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 17th, 1898.

The year just closed, while one of progress, has not been marked by any incident of very special importance.

The Library is again under obligation for the kind interest and generosity of Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston, who early in the summer made a donation of one thousand dollars, to be used for incidental expenses, for which purpose the Library is so much in need of funds. It was a most timely gift, as at the moment there were no funds available to defray the expenses of the very necessary repairs to the roof. Late in the fall was completed the second story of the steel stack in the East Room. It has been called and is known as the "Potter Stack," as it is also due to the munificent generosity of Mr. William H. Potter that the Library was enabled to make this much needed and most important addition. The arrangement of this second story has proved most practical and convenient, and its shelves are already well furnished with books. As

there is room on the south side of the East Room for the erection of another stack similar to the present one, there is ample space for growth, as more shelf room is needed, provided the Library has the funds necessary to make the addition.

The roof of the East Room has been repaired at considerable expense, and has been made as tight as the nature of the construction of the building will admit of. The thankful recognition of the Library is due to Colonel John Hare Powel, who personally superintended these repairs, and has defrayed more than half of the expense of the same.

The Library is indebted to the kind interest of Mrs. Bliss, who, without remuneration, has finished the revision of the catalogue, and has also catalogued all the new books which have been received during the year.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Henry H. Fay died on September 8th, 1897. By his death the Library has lost a faithful officer, whose connection with it goes back a long way, as he served as Director from 1874 until 1886, when he was elected Vice-President, which position he filled up to a year before his death, when he retired on account of ill-health.

The circulation for the year has shown still further increase over that of the preceding year, and has been larger than at any previous period.

Reference is made to the Librarian's Report for the details as to the books and other matters pertaining to that department, and to the Treasurer's Report for the financial condition of the Library.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
Vice-President.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1898. Aug. 17.	To balance from Former Account : Book Account, Incidental Account, Amount received from 173 Taxes, " " Subscriptions, " " Fines, Interest received on Bonds, Book Funds, " " Gen. Expense Funds, " " from Funds in the Savings Bank of Newport, as follows : John Carter Brown Book Fund, William S. Rogers " George G. King " Robert Rogers " David King " Gen. Geo. W. Cullum "	\$.89 86 } 118 31 }
1898. Aug. 17.	By Payments : Incidental Account, Book Account, Binding Account,	\$2,538 16 1,330 44 8 05
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		859 30
		\$7,590 95

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

We have examined the above account and find the same correct.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 17, 1898.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., } Auditing Committee.
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, }

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Aug. 17, 1898.

Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport:

John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund,	1,000 00
David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
LeRoy King General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
William G. Weld General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund,	1,655 15
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund,	1,218 90
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund,	3,000 00
Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406 29
Current Expense Fund,	1,522 11
Catalogue Printing Fund,	104 04
2 Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 7%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, William H. Potter Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
3 Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
Coupon Scrip Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	170 00

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1	Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & Northern R. R. 5%,	\$1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	1,000 00
	Nine Shares Preferred Stock Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. Par,	900 00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co. 5%,	3,000 00
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		\$55,976 49

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,
Treasurer.

We have examined the above accounts and have compared them with the Securities and find them correct.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., }
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, } Auditing Committee.

Librarian's Report.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1897-8.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 18, 1897,	44,054
No. of volumes added by purchase,	445
No. of volumes added by gift,	582
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Total in the Library, August 17, 1898,	45,081
Pamphlets added,	376
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	19
Library periodic publications added,	57
Continuations,	87

It will be seen from the above table that the number of volumes added to the Library by purchase this year is very nearly the same as that shown in the report for last year—the increase in favor of this year being, in fact, only 92 volumes. Owing to the Calvert bequest last year, the accessions by gift recorded in last year's report show a total greatly in excess of that recorded this year, but, aside from this collection, the number of books given to the Library during the past twelve months exceeds that of the previous year by 124 volumes. Of the books recorded in

this item, 134 are Congressional publications, received from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents.

The number of books issued for home use this year shows an increase over that of last year of 921 volumes; the total being 15,422. Although the proportionate increase is not quite as great as in 1895 and 1897, yet a comparison of the figures in the table of comparative circulation shows a steady and marked increase in the circulation of books of the Library since 1894. A comparison of the table of circulation by departments this year with that published in last year's report shows a notable increase in the circulation of books belonging to the classes of Philosophy, Social Science, Music, and, particularly, Fiction, with a decrease in circulation of books in Travel, Fine Arts, Language, and Periodicals. The increase in novel reading is most marked—1,030 more issues of novels having been made this year than last. The largest monthly issue of which we have any record was in July just past, when the figures reached 1,011. Compared with the total circulation, the percentage of fiction issued continues to increase. This year it is 71.3 as against 68.7 for the preceding year.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
9198	9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544	13291	13404	14501	15422

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	84
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	.	.	.	.	129
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	.	.	.	.	41
5.	Biography,	.	.	.	.	712
7.	History,	.	.	.	.	560
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.	.	.	451
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	.	.	.	.	91
H.	Physical science,	.	.	.	.	33
I.	Natural science,	.	.	.	.	181
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	.	.	.	.	82

T.	Theatre, Music,	76
U.	Fine arts,	80
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	471
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	125
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	1,022
Vf.	Fiction,	11,001
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	185
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	79
Y.	Language,	15
Z.	Miscellaneous,	4

Mrs. Bliss has practically finished revising the card catalogue, and in addition to that she has kindly given to the Library the time necessary to catalogue all the books received during the year, as well as to rewrite the cards of a considerable number of books whose class-marks it has been necessary to change. As yet, no work has been done in the direction of listing or cataloguing the Calvert bequest. Besides the preparation of a list of his books to be printed (money for which was bequeathed by Mr. Calvert), it will, of course, be necessary that these books be catalogued on cards to be incorporated in our card-catalogue. To this end, it is desirable that some arrangement be made next year for cataloguing these 1,100 volumes, in order that they may be made available for circulation. The Librarian has to report that, unfortunately, no additions have been made to Dr. Rives' gift last year of \$100 as the nucleus of a fund for a printed catalogue of the books in the Library, or of such part thereof as may be deemed advisable. A printed list of our works of fiction is particularly desirable, and this could, in all probability, be had at the cost of two or three hundred dollars, perhaps less.

Early last winter a new steel stack was erected on top of the one set up the year before, and the additional shelving room thus afforded has enabled the Librarian to make a more systematic arrangement of the books, as well as to render more accessible hundreds of volumes hitherto located on the upper shelves of the high wooden cases and in the gallery of the Delivery Room. The lower portion of the

stack now contains Biography, Geographical description and Travels, Theatre, Music, and General literature; the upper portion holds Philosophy, Theology, and Ecclesiastical history, Social Science (including Government and Law), Bibliography, and Medicine. The Reading Room gallery is now wholly devoted to our large set of sheep-bound U. S. Government publication. In a year or two, however, the gallery will be completely filled with these books, which will then have to be extended into the Delivery Room gallery. This latter gallery, when finally arranged, will contain the so-called "coloned" books—that is, such old books as are rarely or never called for—and sets of some of the publications of the U. S. Government issued in cloth covers, such as the reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chief of Engineers, etc. Besides these, the Librarian hopes to find room there for some of the current weekly periodicals, now stowed away in odd corners in the Stock Room, and for the files of the Newport Daily News. The space, however, is limited, and it is doubtful if there will be room then for all of the above.

It is impossible to speak too strongly in praise of the advantages afforded by the stack over the old shelving and of the general satisfaction which it gives. The ease of adjustment of the shelves, and then accessibility to them of light and air, give the stack a great advantage over the wooden cases. In a climate so damp as ours, this latter advantage is inestimable. Not only are the books in the stack less subject to mildew, but the structure affords no dark and damp corners for the harboring of that library pest—the *Lepisma*, commonly called "slick"—which does so much damage to books stored in the bin-like wooden cases on the south side of the Stack Room. When these cases are replaced by another stack, as it is to be hoped they will be, the arrangement for the storage of our books will be highly satisfactory. The Calvert books have been located by themselves—as was necessary under the terms of the bequest—in the locked case on the north side of the

Reading Room. This case should bear a conspicuous label, indicating the origin of the collection it contains.

With the exception of about a dozen books, which had broken from their covers, and the magnificent set of *Monumentos Arquitectónicos de Espana*, given by Admiral S. B. Luce, no books have been bound during the current year. Meanwhile, the magazines are accumulating very rapidly, and a large number of volumes of this class need to be put in covers. Apparently, \$800, or more, is needed at once for binding purposes.

Another, and still more urgent, need—not now mentioned for the first time—is that of additional light in the Delivery Room; such as might be supplied by an adequate sky-light dome. The same may be said of the heating arrangements of the Library, which are wholly inadequate. The stoves fill the shelves and books with dust and ashes, and heat the upper portion of the two rooms to an unbearable temperature—to the rapid injury of the books—while, below, the only space which is even tolerably comfortable in cold weather is in the immediate vicinity of the stoves. A certain amount of heat, also, should be supplied to the Stack Room. The height of this room renders it unlikely that it can ever be made comfortable for sitting in in winter, but for the sake of the health of the Library staff, who, now that most of the books are stored there, have to visit it frequently, as well as for the preservation of the books themselves, it should be kept above freezing. Last winter the temperature of the Stack Room ranged at about 28° for weeks at a time. Between freezing and thawing in one part of the Library, and being slowly calcined in another, the books stand a very good chance of being irretrievably injured.

Shortly before the erection of the new stack last autumn the statue of "Magdalen," loaned by Mr. R. S. Greenough, was removed by its owner.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Almon, A. B., 1 vol.
 American Colonization Society, 2 periodicals.
 American Institute of Architects, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 American Museum of Natural History, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Amherst College, 1 pph.
 Ancient and Honourable Artillery Co. of Mass., 2 vols.
 Anonymous, 2 vols., 5 pphs.
 Armour Institute of Technology, 1 pph.
 Austin, Amory, 2 pphs.
 Bliss, Richard, 1 vol.
 Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.
 Boston Public Library, 1 vol., 1 report, 12 bulletins.
 Brooklyn Library, 1 report, 1 bulletin.
 Brown, Dr. Francis H., 2 vols., 4 pphs.
 Brown, John Nicholas, 3 vols.
 Brown University, 3 pphs.
 Bunker Hill Monument Association, 19 pphs.
 Bureau of American Republic, 2 vols.
 Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library, 1 report.
 Carr, John, 1 vol.
 Chase, Walter G., 2 pphs
 Cincinnati Public Library, 1 report, 1 bulletin.
 Clarke, George K., 1 pph.
 Cloyne House School (Newport), 2 periodicals.</p> | <p>Columbia University Library, 2 bulletins.
 Commissioners of Public Library, St. Martin in the Field and St. Paul, Covent Garden, 1 pph.
 Concord Free Public Library, 1 report.
 Crandall, Mrs. George F., 12 vols.
 Cust, Robert N., 2 vols.
 Cutting, Mrs. M., 1 vol.
 Denham, D. C., 1 vol.
 Denissen, Rev. Christian, 1 pph.
 Diman, J. B., 1 pph.
 Dudley, Mrs. M. V., 1 vol.
 Dumont, Miss Elizabeth, 2 vols.
 Emmons, A. B., 15 vols., 66 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1 report.
 Essex Institute, 1 pph.
 Fairmont Park Art Association, 2 pphs.
 Fearing, D. B., 40 vols., 20 pphs.
 Field Columbian Museum, 2 pphs.
 Forbes Library (Northampton), 1 report.
 Friends' Yearly Meeting, 1 pph.
 Gallinger, Hon. J. H., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Mrs. T. K., 6 vols.
 Gibbs, Dr. W., 9 vols., 2 pphs., 2 periodicals.
 Gillett, Dr. H. W., 1 vol.
 Green, Dr. S. A., 2 vols.
 Green, S. S., 1 pph.
 Harvard College Library, 1 vol.
 Harvard University, 2 vols.
 Helena Public Library, 2 bulletins.</p> |
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- Highley, Frank M., 1 vol.
 Honey, S. R., 5 vols, 4 pphs.
 Howland, Mrs. Joseph, 1 vol.
 Huckle, Julius, 1 vol.
 Indian Rights Association, 3 pphs.
 Jersey City Free Public Library,
 1 report, 8 bulletins.
 King, Mrs. Edward, 1 vol.
 Ladd, Mrs. C. A., 4 vols.
 Lawrence Free Public Library, 1
 report, 5 bulletins.
 Leland Stanford, Jr., University,
 3 pphs.
 Lemcke & Büchner, Messrs., 1
 vol.
 Library Co. of Philadelphia, 1
 bulletin.
 Los Angeles Times, 1 periodical.
 Maimonides Library, 1 report.
 Manchester, Rev. Alfred, 1 vol.
 Marquand, H. G., 1 vol.
 Massachusetts Institute of Tech-
 nology, 2 pphs.
 Massachusetts Lodge Free Masons,
 5 pphs.
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1
 pph.
 Michigan State Board of Health,
 2 vols., 2 pphs.
 Mowry, Arlon, 1 pph.
 Municipal League of Philadelphia,
 1 pph.
 Newark Free Public Library, 1
 report.
 New Bedford Free Public Library,
 1 report.
 Newberry Library (Chicago), 2
 reports.
 Newport Charity Organization, 1
 pph.
 Newport City Clerk, 7 vols.
 Newport Historical Society, 4 vols.
 Newport Hospital, 8 pphs.
 Newport Superintendent of
 Schools, 3 pphs.
 Newton Free Library, 1 report.
- New York Chamber of Commerce,
 1 vol.
 New York Genealogical and Bio-
 graphical Society, 1 pph.
 New York Mercantile Library, 1
 report, 1 bulletin.
 New York Public Library, 5 bul-
 letins.
 New York Society Founders and
 Patriots of America, 1 pph.
 New York State Library, 3 vols.
 Oregon Railroad and Navigation
 Co., 1 pph.
 Otis Library (Norwich, Ct.), 9
 bulletins.
 Palmer, Mrs. C. Follen, 1 vol.
 Parsons, J. Russell and others, 1
 vol.
 Peabody Institute (Baltimore), 1
 report.
 Peabody Institute (Danvers), 1
 report.
 Pell, Mrs. Duncan C., 1 vol.
 Pennsylvania Commandery Naval
 Order of U. S., 1 pph.
 Peoria Public Library, 1 report.
 Perkins' Institution, 1 pph.
 Philadelphia Free Library, 1 report.
 Pitkin, Prof. C. A., 1 pph.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 10 vols., 4
 periodicals.
 Pratt, Franklin S. and C. Herbert,
 1 vol.
 Princeton University, 1 pph.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 report.
 Providence Public Library, 1 re-
 port.
 Providence Record Commission-
 ers, 2 vols.
 R. I. Historical Society, 4 period-
 icals.
 R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
 R. I. Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F.,
 1 vol.
 R. I. Secretary of State, 4
 vols.

- R. I. State Board of Charities, 1 pph.
 R. I. State Board of Health, 1 vol.
 Rives, Dr. William C., 1 vol.
 Rosengarten, Joseph G., 1 pph.
 Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
 Russell, John A., 1 vol.
 St. Louis Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 St. Louis Public Library, 1 periodical, 1 report.
 Salem Public Library, 1 report.
 San Francisco Free Public Library, 1 report, 10 bulletins.
 Schurman, J. G., 1 vol.
 Sheffield, Hon. William P., 1 vol.
 Sheldon, Frederick, 1 vol., 11 periodicals.
 Sherman, W. W., 81 vols.
 Smithsonian Institution, 2 vols., 5 pphs.
 Society of Colonial Dames, 1 vol.
 Stevens, Mrs. H. L., 1 vol.
 Stitt, Mrs. S. B., 54 vols.
 Storer, Dr. H. R., 17 vols., 1 pph., 1 periodical.
 Swan, Robert T., 1 pph.
 Temple Publishing Co., 11 periodicals.
 Thurston, Lorin A., 1 pph.
 Tilley, R. H., 1 pph.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 1 vol.
 U. S. Bureau of Education, 1 vol.
 U. S. Bureau of Labor, 1 vol., 7 periodicals.
 U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1 pph.
 U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 104 pphs.
 U. S. Dept. State, 4 vols., 15 pphs.
 U. S. Fish Commission, 3 vols., 1 pph.
 U. S. Geological Survey, 1 pph.
 U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission, 1 vol.
 U. S. Life Saving Service, 2 vols.
 U. S. Naval Observatory, 2 pphs.
 U. S. Patent Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. Superintendent of Documents, 189 vols., 30 pphs.
 U. S. Treasury Dept., 1 vol.
 University of California, 1 pph.
 University of Chicago, 2 vols.
 University of Vermont, 1 pph.
 Volta Bureau, 1 pph.
 Wadsworth, Dr. M. E., 10 pphs.
 Ward, H. G., 5 vols.
 Weld, Mrs. W. G., 5 pphs., 5 periodicals.
 Wetmore, G. P., 1 pph.
 Williams, Mrs. Hobart, 9 vols.
 Winthrop, Robert C., Jr., 1 vol.
 Wisconsin Free Library Commission, 1 pph.
 Worcester Free Public Library, 1 report.
 Yale University, 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Youth's Companion, 1 pph.

List of Periodicals taken, 1898.

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| <p>American architect.
 American historical review.
 American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy.
 <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Antiquary.
 Architectural record.
 Army and Navy journal.
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic Monthly.
 Bibliographie de la France.
 Blackwood's magazine.
 Book-buyer.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Century.
 Charities review.
 Christian register. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>
 Citizen. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 City and State. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Contemporary review.
 Cosmopolis.
 Critic.
 Cumulative index.
 Dial.
 Edinburgh review.
 Educational review.
 Electrical world. <i>From Dr. W. Gibbs.</i></p> | <p>Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rector.</i>
 English historical review.
 Essex Institute Bulletin. <i>From the Essex Institute.</i>
 Fliegende blätter.
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Geographical journal. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i>
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Harper's round table.
 Harvard graduates' magazine.
 <i>From the Harvard Club of R. I.</i>
 Home market bulletin. <i>From the Home Market Club.</i>
 Illustrated London news.
 Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
 Knowledge.
 Land of sunshine. <i>From the publisher.</i>
 Library journal.
 Literary news.
 Literary world.
 Literature.
 Littell's living age.
 McClure's magazine.
 Macmillan's magazine.
 Mail. (London).
 Montreal weekly gazette. <i>Gift.</i>
 Nation.</p> |
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- National geographic magazine.
 National review.
 Nature.
 Nature, La.
 Natural science.
 New earth. *From the publisher.*
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Popular science monthly.
 Providence daily journal.
 Providence Public Library bulletin.
 Publishers circular.
 Publishers weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly review.
 Review of reviews.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue illustré.
 R. I. Historical Society publications. *From the society.*
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scottish review.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Southern workman. *From A. B. Emmons.*
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican. *Gift.*
 Tablet. *Gift.*
 Technological quarterly. *From Mrs. W. B. Rogers.*
 Travelers record. *From the publisher.*
 Triangle. *From the Providence Athletic Assoc'n.*
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
 Velhagen & Klasings monatshefte.
 Vom fels zum meer.
 Weather map, Daily. *From U. S. Weather Bureau, Boston.*
 Westerly Narragansett weekly. *From the publisher.*

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Malcolm, Rev. Charles H.	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.,		Marquand, Henry G.	1
Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Beeckman, Helen (Mrs. H. B.		Mason, Ida M.	1
Lyman)	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Norman, George H.	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sherman, Mrs. Elizabeth (N. Y.)	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Spooner, George	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Smith, Howard	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M.		Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Thompson)	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Thaw, Benjamin	1
Hammett, George A., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
McLeod, Angus	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Willett, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.
(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Denniston, George	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Bancroft, John C.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Dyer, Herbert L.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Bispham, G. T., et al., Trustees,	1	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Ellery, Anna M.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Brownell, Lucy P.	1	Fludder, James	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Fludder, William	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Foster, Fanny	2
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Estate,	4
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Callender, Elizabeth, Estate,	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Chase, William Henry	1	Gillen, Charles A.	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Coggeshall, David M., Estate,	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Greene, William Brenton	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hamilton, William	1
Covell, William W.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross)	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1		

Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Peckham, Felix, Estate,	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Peckham, Henry S.	2
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, John A., Estate (of		Peckham, Thomas P.	1
T. G.),	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Honey, Samuel R.	2	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	3
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Pinniger, David T.	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Huntington, Oliver W.	1	Powel, John Hare	1
Ives, Charles Acton	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Rider, Philip	1
King, Clarence	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
King, David, Jr., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
King, Edward, Estate,	3	Sheffield, William P.	9
King, George G.	4	Sherman, Albert K.	1
King, William H., Estate,	6	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Sherman, Dr. William S.	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Smith, Mary I. and Elizabeth B.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Lawton, George, Estate,	1	Spencer, Edward L.	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Spooner, George	2
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Stevens, Achilles	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	7
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	4
Mason, Ida M.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Newport Hospital,	4	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
Newton, Edward, Estate,	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Newton, Mary H.	1	Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Underwood, William J.	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1

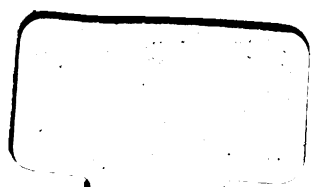
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Weld, William G., Estate,	1	Withers, Creighton	1
Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2	Woollett, Sidney	1
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King, Mrs. Edward
King, George Gordon
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry
Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.

Mason, Ida M.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederick
Stevens, Frederick W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
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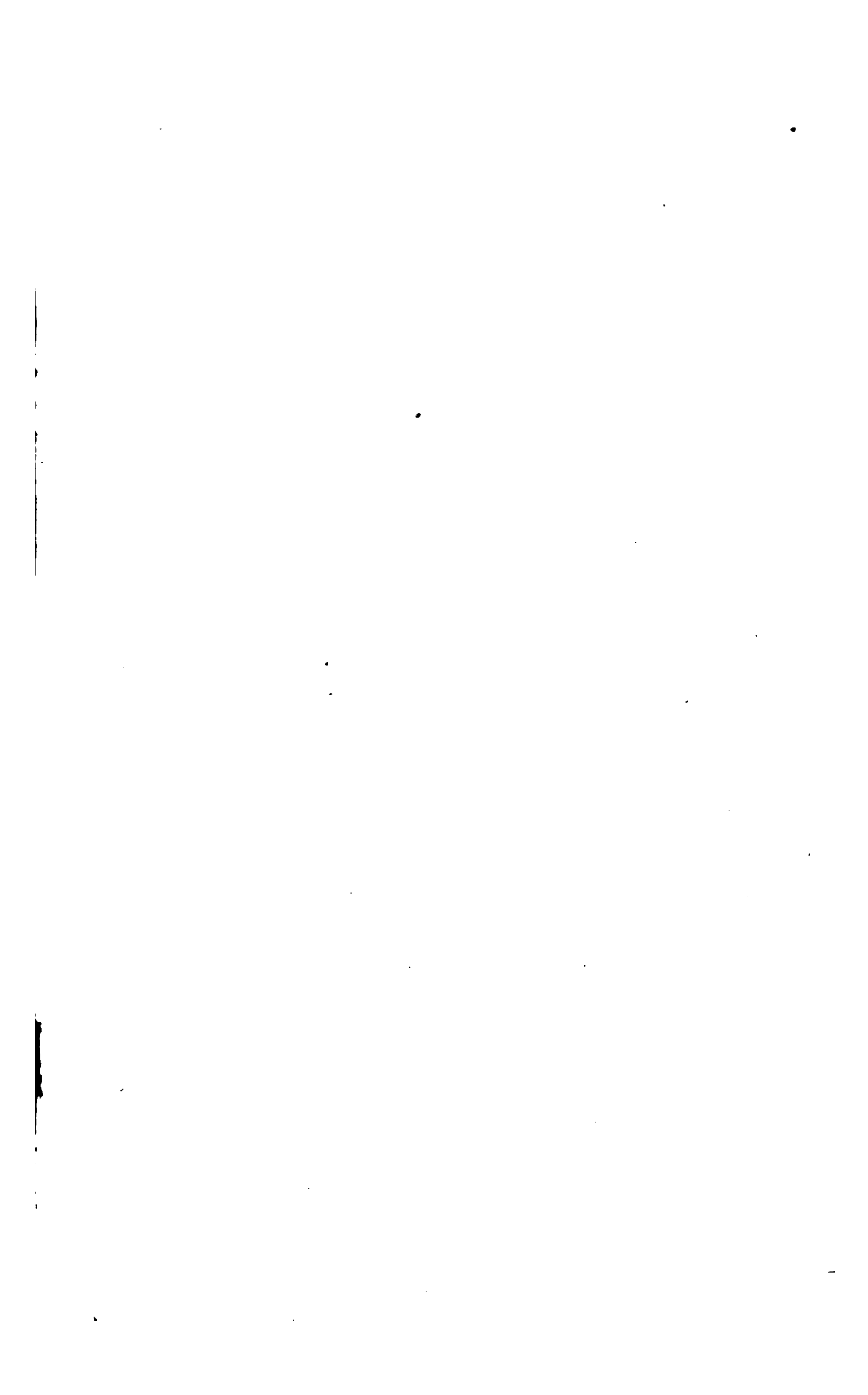


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FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
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City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1899.

NEWPORT, R. I.
F. W. MARSHALL, PRINTER.
1899.



*List
Library, Springfield, Mass.
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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

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TREASURER:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

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RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors.

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ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

ON EXPENDITURES.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1899.

Minutes of the one hundred and sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held at the Library on Wednesday, August 16th, 1899, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President. A quorum of Stockholders in person and by proxy was ascertained to be present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders was read by Mr. A. B. Emmons. The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian were presented and read, and upon motion of Mr. William P. Sheffield, Jr., it was voted that five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such matter as is usual, be printed under the direction of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

The following persons, having received transfers of shares during the year, were elected members of the Cor-

poration, viz.: Peter King, George Norman Weaver, Carrie V. Ladd, George H. Vaughan, Mrs. Lucia G. Barendsprung, Catharine White, Mrs. Mary A. King.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins, it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed against each share, subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Treasurer's salary for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	Charles E. Hammett, Jr.

Directors.

Robert S. Barker,	Stephen B. Luce,
Daniel B. Fearing,	Louis B. McCagg,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George G. King,	Frederick Tompkins,

G. Norman Weaver.

Mr. John S. Coggeshall and Mr. William P. Buffum were chosen a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Upon motion of Mr. Theodore K. Gibbs, the thanks of the corporation were voted to the retiring Secretary.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 16th, 1899.

The year just past has been uneventful in the life of the Library, though marked by signs of positive progress in its sphere of usefulness. The growth in the circulation which has been already noted in the past few years has been more than kept up; and the use of the Library by readers has been very markedly increased, largely due, no doubt, to the more efficient heating of the building during the winter months.

The higher price at which the shares of the Library sell and the difficulty in obtaining them are further evidence of its greater popularity and usefulness.

The most important change of the year has been the introduction of steam heat in place of the large stoves which stood in the delivery and reading rooms. This change has been a great gain in every way, as it is now not only possible to keep the Library comfortable in cold weather, which was formerly not the case, but the fine ashes and dirt from the stoves, so detrimental to the books,

has also been got rid of. Several radiators have been placed in the large east room, which serve to temper the air, so that, while it is not attempted to regularly heat this room, the temperature is kept from falling below 45° or 50° instead of running down to freezing as it often did in previous winters, to the detriment of the books, and to the risk of the health of the Librarian and his assistant, who are constantly obliged to go into this room for books.

For our financial ability to make this important change we are indebted to our generous benefactor, Mr. William H. Potter, of Kingston, as excepting his gifts we have no funds which could be used for this purpose.

The light in the delivery room has been very much improved by increasing the size of the skylight in the roof and by putting thinner glass in the round window in the ceiling, with the result that gaslight is needed much less on winter afternoons than formerly.

To Mr. Daniel B. Fearing we are indebted for the gift of about two hundred and sixty volumes of works on Sport, mainly angling.

At the first meeting of the year of the Board of Directors an Executive Committee was appointed under the following resolution: "Besides the regular standing committees already provided for there shall be an executive committee of five members to be appointed by the President. The committee so appointed shall organize by the election of a chairman and Secretary. Meetings may be called by the chairman at such time and place as he may elect, and a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. This committee shall have power to take such action as may seem necessary for the protection of the interests and property of the Library and manage its affairs, subject to the Charter and By-laws, during the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Directors. This committee shall keep minutes of its meetings, which shall be read at any regular or special meeting of the Board and shall report any business which requires the action of the Board of Directors."

This has been a most useful change, as it has sometimes happened that there has been difficulty in getting a quorum at a meeting of the Directors, and matters requiring more prompt attention have been obliged to wait for want of authority to act.

The growth of the Library, increased as it has been by the large collections of books left to it, will soon make necessary the erection of a steel stack on the south side of the east room corresponding to the Potter stack on the north side.

The continued growth and increased use of the Library increase also the expense of carrying it on, and make more than ever apparent the great need of a larger income to meet this expense. While the Library has received several large bequests to be used for the purchase of books, besides several large collections of books, no funds have been received for increasing the income applicable to current expenses, and the question of how these expenses are to be met is becoming every year a more difficult problem. This great need frequently before mentioned is again drawn to the attention of all friends of the Library.

The reports of the Treasurer and Librarian are presented herewith.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
Vice-President.

Dr. **Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Bedwood Library and Athenæum.** Cr.

1899. Aug. 16.	1899. Aug. 16.
To balance from Former Account:	By Payments:
Book Account, \$514 92 {	Incidental Account, \$2,456 06
Incidental Account, 344 38 {	Book Account, 1,786 35
Amount received from 160 Taxes, Subscriptions, " " " Fines, 438 00	Binding Account, 53 55
Interest received on Bonds, Book Funds, 578 00	
" " " " Gen. Expense Funds, 866 44	
" " " " from Funds in the Savings Bank of Newport, as follows:	
John Carter Brown Book Fund, \$200 00	Mrs. S. M. Bliss from Calvert Fund for new heating apparatus and repairs (from William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund), 9 90
William S. Rogers " " 160 00	Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport to the Credit: George H. Calvert Fund, 1,000 75
George G. King " " 40 00	Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport to the Credit: Catalogue Fund, 300 00
Robert Rogers " " 40 00	By Balance in National Bank of Rhode Island to Credit: Book Fund, \$66.57; Incidental Account, \$232.74; Building Account, \$171.45, 50 00
David King " " 80 00	
Gen. Geo. W. Cullum " " 80 00	
William G. Weld Expense Fund, 40 00	
LeRoy King " " 40 00	
William H. Potter Fund for Incidentals, \$33 76	
George W. Gibbs Expense Fund, 120 00	
Current Expense Fund, 60 88	
Special Preferred Share Fund, 56 24	
Cash withdrawn from William H. Potter Fund for Building and Improvements, 1,000 75	
Donation for Catalogue Fund from Dr. W. C. Rives, 50 00	
Donation for Binding from H. G. Marquand, \$100 00	
" Cornelius Vanderbilt, 100 00	
" E. Tweedy, 20 00	
" Benjamin Thaw, 5 00	
Request from George H. Calvert, 300 00	
Withdrawn from Calvert Fund for cataloguing, 9 90	
	<u>\$6,128 27</u>

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

We have examined the above accounts and have compared them with the Securities and find them correct.
NEWPORT, R. I., August 16, 1899.
CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR., { Auditing Committee.
JOHN S. COGGESHALL,

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Aug. 16, 1899.

Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport:

	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000 00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000 00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000 00
	George G. King Book Fund,	1,000 00
	David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
	Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
	George H. Calvert Special Fund,	296 10
	LeRoy King General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
	William G. Weld General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
	William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund,	1,688 25
	William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund,	247 35
	George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund,	3,000 00
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406 29
	Current Expense Fund,	1,522 11
	Catalogue Printing Fund,	158 74
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, William H. Potter Fund,	1,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
	Coupon Scrip Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	170 00

1	Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & Northern R. R. 5%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%, Nine Shares Preferred Stock Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.,	1,000 00 900 00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	1,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co. 5%,	3,000 00
1	Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R. Co. 6%, Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000 00
		<hr/> \$55,388 84

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,
Treasurer.

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with the Securities and find them correct.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR., }
JOHN S. COGGESHALL, } Auditing Committee.

Librarian's Report.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year 1898-9.

The following table gives a summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year; but it should be understood that it does not include current magazines, newspapers, nor the regular issue of the proceedings of learned societies, which are added to the accessions' list only when they are bound and put on the shelves for circulation:

No. of volumes in the Library, August 17, 1898,	45,081
No. of volumes added by purchase,	540
No. of volumes added by gift,	524
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals, .	70
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Total in the Library, August 16, 1899,	46,215
Pamphlets added,	343
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	93
Library periodic publications added,	74
Continuations,	38

A comparison of the foregoing table with that given in last year's report shows that the number of volumes added by purchase is nearly one hundred more than last year, while the gifts are less than last year by fifty-eight. The total addition of volumes, by purchase, gift, and binding of periodicals, numbers 1,134, which is 107 more than the record for the previous year. Of the volumes received by gift, 51 are sheep-bound copies of Government Publications

furnished by the U. S. Superintendent of Documents. The proportion of fiction purchased is 16.6 per cent. It will be interesting to compare this figure with the percentage of fiction circulated, as given on a subsequent page.

The most notable gift of books this year—and it is an exceeding valuable and select one—is a donation of 260 volumes on sport, chiefly books on angling, the gift of the Hon. Daniel B. Fearing, one of our Directors, and one who has always taken a lively interest in the welfare of the Library. The books above mentioned are many of them of early and rare editions, and a large number are finely bound. This gift makes our collection of works on angling probably one of the largest collections on this subject to be found outside of a private Library. Another very acceptable donation has been a collection of 39 bound volumes of current fiction, the gift of Mr. H. G. Ward.

The record of the circulation shows a large increase of books issued for home use over the issue of last year. The number is 16,557, which is an increase of 1,135 over that of the previous year, and the largest increase of any year since 1895. The increase, though not absolutely very great (about 60 per cent. of the yearly accession), is gratifying, as showing the increased value of this institution as a lending and reference Library. Not only are many more books issued for home use, but there is a much greater use of books in the building and of the periodicals in the Reading Room. So great has been the increase in the use of the Library that the clerk at the desk has been unable to meet the demand upon her time and strength, and an extra assistant has been engaged for the busiest part of the summer season.

In the Library year just past the months of the largest circulation were August, 1898, and July, 1899. The month of minimum circulation was May of this year. Next to fiction and the magazines, the departments showing the largest circulation are, as heretofore, biography and history, followed, at some distance, by description and travels and

general literature. The departments which show a less circulation than last year are religion and ecclesiastical history, physical science, poetry, drama, and language. All the other departments exhibit an increase, especially social and political science and music. The proportion of fiction circulated is a little less than last year, viz.: 11,804 volumes; in other words, a percentage of 71.2 against 71.3 of 1898. In comparing this percentage with that of fiction added it should be remembered that only in a few instances does the Library purchase more than one copy at a time of any novel.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
9368	9445	11228	11282	12121	11544	13291	13404	14501	15422	16557

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	88
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	85
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	34
5.	Biography,	743
7.	History,	679
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	476
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	116
H.	Physical science,	31
I.	Natural science,	241
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	105
T.	Theatre, Music,	106
U.	Fine arts,	99
V.	Literature (Gen. works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	477
Va.	Periodicals (bound volumes),	114
Vb.	Periodicals (numbers),	1,051
Vf.	Fiction,	11,804
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	167
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	121
Y.	Language,	14
Z.	Miscellaneous,	6

During the past year, 173 volumes have been bound or rebound—most of these were books in paper covers (French fiction and the like) and books which were so dilapidated as to need rebinding. Comparatively few magazines are included in this item. For our binding we are almost entirely dependent upon gifts of money, since our funds are not sufficient for this yearly expense, and it is due to the generosity of Mr. H. G. Marquand that we have been able to do what has been done in this direction. But very many of our periodicals—particularly the current magazines—are rapidly accumulating in unbound volumes on our shelves, and need to be put in covers.

Since the last report Mrs. Bliss has kindly given to the Library her services for the purpose of cataloguing the new books and such other cataloguing work as has been made necessary by changes in the marks of books previously catalogued. She has also begun the cataloguing of the Calvert collection, and the preparation of a list for the printer, from which the printed catalogue of Mr. Calvert's books is to be made.

The Librarian respectfully suggests that if possible it would be desirable to have a definite sum of money appropriated for the yearly work of cataloguing. The number of books received each year—from 1,000 to 1,200—is so large that it seems proper that some arrangement should be made whereby the continuance of this absolutely necessary work may be ensured.

Dr. William C. Rives has added fifty dollars to his previous contribution of one hundred dollars toward the issue of a printed catalogue of the books in the Library. The Librarian regrets that no other contributions for this purpose have been received. A printed catalogue of our books would be of great use to our readers, but a printed catalogue of our works of fiction is still more to be desired. In consequence of repeated enquiries for such a list, the Librarian suggests that with Doctor Rives' acquiescence, and a slight increase of the amount now on hand from some

other friends of the Library, a printed short-title catalogue of the fiction in the Library might easily be made. A portion of the money thus expended would be returned if a nominal charge of twenty-five or fifty cents, for each copy, were made.

The Fiction Room is still more crowded than was the case when last year's report was made. The children's fiction has been removed from the Fiction Room to the Delivery Room (which is in a state of congestion already), and the French fiction has been moved to the Reading Room (where it is out of place), and still there is not space enough in the Fiction Room for our rapidly accumulating books of this class. The Librarian sees no possibility of relief for this crowded condition until the Stack Room has additional shelving.

Probably no improvement recently made in the Library has been so grateful both to the readers and to the Library staff as the introduction of steam heat last autumn. Throughout the winter the Library was kept at a uniform and agreeable temperature, and even in the Stack Room the temperature was so moderate that no discomfort or danger was experienced in going there to get or consult books.

Another improvement of the greatest value has been the new skylight in the Delivery Room. In all weather—except the stormiest days of winter—the light throughout the room has been ample.

Although some grading has been done on the north side of the Library, the water, in heavy rains, still finds access to the cellar through one of the sunken windows under the Stack Room. In addition to this, the cement of the floor of the cellar under the Reading Room is far from tight. Even in moderately wet weather, the water gets in, and in long storms and violent rains, such as we often have in the winter, the water collects then to such an extent as to threaten the fire in the furnace. This should be remedied, as not only is it impossible to go into the cellar at such

times without rubber boots, but the repeated dampness is a source of injury to the books in the Library above.

The Library has been fortunate in being the recipient of a small but excellently painted and well-framed portrait of Judah Touro, the gift of P. C. Brooks, Esq., of Boston. Not only is the gift a valuable one, on account of its artistic merit, but it is highly appropriate that it should find a place in the Library, of which Mr. Touro was so liberal a patron.

The Library is fortunate in still retaining the services of Miss A. E. Gosling, the assistant and charging clerk, and though the increasing work of the Library has rendered her task at times very arduous and exhausting, she has never failed to respond most cheerfully to the requirements of the occasion, and by her conscientious, efficient, and ready service has contributed in the highest degree to the welfare of the readers and borrowers, and has materially lightened the responsibility and labors of the Librarian.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1899.

American anthropologist.	Consular reports. <i>From</i> U. S.
American historical review.	Department of State.
American journal of archæology.	Contemporary review.
American journal of science.	Critic.
American naturalist.	Cumulative index.
Annals of American Academy.	Dial.
<i>From</i> A. B. Emmons.	Edinburgh review.
Antiquary.	Educational review.
Architectural record.	Electrical world. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs.
Army and Navy journal.	Emmanuel parish. <i>From the rec-</i>
Athenæum.	<i>tor.</i>
Atlantic Monthly.	English historical review.
Bibliographie de la France.	Fliegende blätter.
Blackwood's magazine.	Fortnightly review.
Book-buyer.	Forum.
Bookman.	Geographical journal. <i>From</i> F.
Bookseller.	Sheldon.
Boston daily advertiser.	Geological magazine.
Boston daily herald.	Good words.
Bulletin American Geographical	Graphic.
Society. <i>From</i> D. B. Fearing.	Harper's magazine.
Bulletin of the Department of	Harper's weekly.
Labor. <i>From the</i> U. S. De-	Harper's round table.
partment of Labor.	Harvard graduates' magazine.
Catalogue U. S. Government pub-	<i>From the</i> Harvard Club of
lications. <i>From the</i> Superin-	R. I.
tendent of Documents.	Illustrated London news.
Century.	Indian's friend. <i>From the</i> Wom-
Charities review.	en's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.
Christian register. <i>From the pub-</i>	Knowledge.
<i>lisher.</i>	Land of sunshine. <i>From the pub-</i>
Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>	<i>lisher.</i>
City and State. <i>From the pub-</i>	Library journal.
<i>lisher.</i>	Life. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs.
Cloyne magazine. <i>From</i> O. W.	Literary news.
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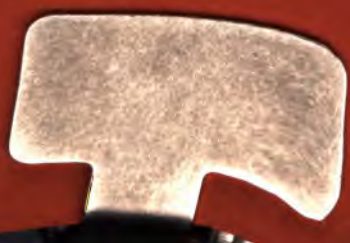
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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become an important employer of people with mental health problems.

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the mental health of people in the public sector. The Department of Health (1996) has published a strategy for mental health care, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of people in the public sector. The strategy states that 'the mental health of people in the public sector is a priority for the Department of Health'. The strategy also states that 'the Department of Health will work with other government departments to ensure that the mental health of people in the public sector is given the same priority as the physical health of people in the public sector'.

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TO THE PROPRIETORS.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1900.

Minutes of the one hundred and Seventieth Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held at the Library on Wednesday, August 15th, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President. A quorum of Stockholders in person and by proxy being present.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders was read by the Secretary. The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian were received, and the Vice-President and Secretary were directed to print five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such matter as is usual, including the Charter.

General J. F. Pierson, was declared a Life-Member of the Corporation by the payment of one hundred dollars.

The following persons were elected members of the Board of Directors, viz; J. F. Pierson, W. Watts Sherman.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Treasurer's salary for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	Charles E. Hammett, Jr.

Directors.

Robert S. Barker,	Stephen B. Luce,
Daniel B. Fearing,	Louis B. McCagg,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George G. King,	Frederick Tompkins,
G. Norman Weaver,	J. Fred Pierson,
W. Watts Sherman.	

Mr. John S. Coggeshall and Mr. William P. Buffum were chosen a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors present to the Stockholders of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, their Annual Report for the year ending August 15, 1900.

It is gratifying to be able to claim that at the close of the one hundred and seventieth year of its formation, the library is in better condition, and more adequately fulfilling its mission, than at any time in its history. Nearly fifteen hundred volumes, not including more than one hundred periodicals have been added by gift or purchase, making our number of volumes nearly fifty thousand. That this is appreciated is shown by the demand for shares and the gradual distribution of those held in quantities, to individuals, thereby increasing the number of shareholders and the circulation of books.

With its growth, the Library gains not only in attractiveness, but in usefulness. This is especially evident in its increased facilities for study and research, supplying materials which individuals will be able to find only where years have been spent in their collection.

With the formation and growth of Public Libraries, new methods have been introduced, and for their management a new course of technical study has been created,

and the Librarian, of today not only knows books, but how to use them, and is competent to teach others where to find hidden wisdom. The great increase in the writing and publishing of books has necessitated an entire change in the cataloguing of them by name and size, and has resulted in a method by which the student may learn where to find whatever has been written upon the subject in which he is interested. Our Library has now the Index Catalogue system, and as the result of years of faithful labor and constant additions to its department of books of reference has greatly increased in efficiency and value.

But our needs increase with our growth. With more books comes a demand for more room and more convenient arrangements. The Librarian, in his report has made mention of desirable changes, and it is certain that if the additions to the library continue in the present ration we shall soon be brought face to face with a serious problem.

It has been suggested that we should consider the possibility of a reproduction of the present wooden building in stone, and it has been hoped that generous friends may make the dream and wish a reality. It is indeed true that the accumulations of nearly two centuries should be housed in better material than the present wooden and decaying building.

We have lost by death several generous and faithful friends of the Library, who have remembered us in their wills. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt giving ten thousand dollars, Miss Anderson one thousand and Mr. John Nicholas Brown, five thousand, to be paid at the expiration of three years. Mr. Marquand has kindly given means for the binding of books, a most judicious and kindly gift.

It would almost seem that the first money received for the creation of a library should be saved for the binding of books and periodicals.

Many books need re-binding before they are put in

circulation, while periodicals are not complete until bound. No greater charity can be bestowed upon a library than to increase its funds for this purpose.

The Treasurer's report will show our resources and expenditures.

The invested funds are in most cases restricted so that the income only can be used, and constant economy is needed to make our means supply our needs.

The Librarian's report gives a good idea of the work performed by him and his willing and competent assistants. On them devolves the responsibility of the care and management of the library, as also the credit of its success.

Respectfully,

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.,
Secretary.

Dr. **Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum.** Or.

1900.		1900.	
Aug. 15.		Aug. 15.	
To balance from Former Account:	\$66 57	By Payments:	\$2,942 37
Book Account,	238 74	Incidental Account,	1,357 68
Binding Account,	171 45	Book Account,	120 70
Amount received from 149 Taxes,		From G. H. Calvert Fund,	37 70
" " Subscriptions,			\$4,458 03
" " Fines,			
Interest received on Bonds, Book Funds,		Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport to	10,000 00
" " from Funds in Savings		credit of Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	
Bank of Newport, as follows:		Fund in Savings Bank of Newport to	600 00
John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$187 50	credit from W. G. Weld Book Fund, re-	1,000 00
William S. Rogers " "	150 00	ceived from Colorado & Pacific Bond,	
Geo. Gordon King " "	37 50	Deposit in the Industrial Trust Company	
Robert Rogers " "	37 50	to credit Martha M. Anderson Fund,	
David King " "	75 00	Deposits in the Industrial Trust Co.:	
Gen. G. W. Cullum " "	75 00	Balance of Binding Account,	\$150 75
		Balance of Incidental Account,	28 61
William G. Weld Expense Fund,		Balance of Book Account,	179 63
LeRoy King,			
William H. Potter Fund for Incidentals,	\$63 30		
Geo. W. Gibbs Expense Fund,	112 50		
Current Expense Fund,	57 07		
Special Preferred Share Fund,	52 72		
C. Vanderbilt Fund,	175 00		
Cash withdrawn from G. H. Calvert	460 59		
Fund,			
Cash withdrawn from Chicago West,	37 70		
" " from Adjustment Colorado & Pacific R. R.	166 17		
Bond from W. S. Wells Book Fund,	600 00		
Bequest from Cornelius Vanderbilt,	10,000 00		
" " Martha Marie Anderson,	1,000 00		
Donation from H. G. Marquand, Binding,	100 00		
Interest received from Exc. Est. Martha M. Ander-			
son,	29 28		
Cash from sale of soap,	6 19		
			\$16,238 08

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

WM. P. BUFFUM, Auditor.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 27, 1900.

I have examined the accounts of T. P. Peckham, Treasurer of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, for the year ending Aug. 15, 1900, and find them to be correctly kept, and proper vouchers for the payments and the invested funds as therein stated.

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MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Aug. 15, 1900.

Deposits in Savings bank of Newport:

	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000 00
	William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000 00
	Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000 00
	George G. King Book Fund,	1,000 00
	David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
	Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
	George H. Calvert Special Fund,	269 60
	LeRoy King General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
	William G. Weld General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
	William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund,	1,747 33
	William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund,	256 70
	George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund,	3,000 00
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406 29
	Current Expense Fund,	1,522 11
	Catalogue Printing Fund,	164 71
	Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	600 00
	Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	10,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, William H. Potter Fund,	1,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5%,	2,000 00

2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & Northern R. R. 5%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 5%,	1,000 00
	Nine Shares Preferred Stock Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.,	900 00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%,	1,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co. 5%,	3,000 00
	Deposit in Industrial Trust Co., Participation account to Credit Martha M. Anderson,	1,000 00
		<hr/> \$65,866 74

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,

Treasurer.

I have examined the above accounts and have compared them
with the securities and find them correct.

WILLIAM P. BUFFUM, Auditor.

Librarian's Report.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith the eighteenth Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition of the Library, with statistics, for the year 1899-1900.

A summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year will be found in the following table, which, however, does not include current periodicals, nor the periodical issues of learned societies.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 16, 1899,	46,215
No. of volumes added by purchase,	447
No. of volumes added by gift,	948
No. of volumes added by binding periodicals,	21

Total in the Library, August 15, 1900,	47,631
Pamphlets added,	343
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	121
Library periodic publications added,	91
Continuations,	72

The number of volumes added to the Library during the past year (1,416) is larger by 282 volumes than that of the preceding year. This increase is due entirely to the Thayer bequest, since, aside from that, both the purchases and gifts are somewhat less than during the year preceding. This year the purchases are 447 volumes against 540 for 1898-99, while the gifts, exclusive of the above-mentioned bequest, are 434—that is ninety volumes less than the gifts of the year before. The item of do-

nations includes 187 sheep-bound volumes of Government publications from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents, and ninety-one serial publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, from the same source. The gifts of the year also include fifty-eight folios of the U. S. Topographic Atlas, and 232 Topographic Atlas sheets, likewise from the Superintendent of Documents.

In respect to the number of volumes and their importance, the most valuable gift of books acquired by the library since the Calvert collection is the Thayer bequest received last December. This collection formed a portion of the library of the late Thatcher Thayer, D. D., bequeathed by him to the library, and comprises about 500 volumes, exclusive of duplicates which number fifty or sixty volumes. The bequest consists exclusively of standard works in theology, history, biography and belles-lettres, but it is particularly rich in books relating to Judaism and the history of Israel—this subject being a favorite study with Dr. Thayer. Among the other more important gifts of books, mention should be made of a fine edition of Pistolesi's *Il Vaticano descritto ed illustrata*, in eight volumes, the gift of Edmund Tweedy; sixty-three volumes of reports of the various geological surveys of the United States, and a set of the *Sitzungsberichte* of the Berlin Academy of Sciences for the years 1885-1899, from Dr. Wolcott Gibbs; Mrs. J. K. Van Rensselaer's *New Yorkers of the Nineteenth Century*, from Mrs. Van Rensselaer, and seventy-two bound volumes of recent fiction from Mrs. Harold Brown and Mr. H. G. Ward. The number of works of volumes of recent fiction purchased during the year is 101.

The record of circulation shows the same proportionate increase over last year that the report for that year did over the previous year. The number of books issued for home use this year is 17,703—an increase of 1,148 over the year 1898-99. The increase of that year over the year before was about the same, viz.: 1,135. Arranged

by departments, fiction, of course, shows the largest circulation. But the percentage is less this year (67.5) than for either 1899 (71.2) or 1898 (71.3). This is probably owing to the fact that fewer works of this class were bought this year. Next to fiction in point of popularity come periodicals, biography and history,

The following Tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
9445	11228	11282	12121	11544	13291	13404	14501	15422	16557	17703

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

1.	Philosophy,	105
2.	Religion, Mythology, Theology,	118
4.	Ecclesiastical history,	42
5.	Biography,	907
7.	History,	849
A.	Geography, Description, Travels,	569
C.	Political and Social science, Education, Law,	134
H.	Physical science,	46
I.	Natural science,	262
N.	Useful arts, Sports, Military and Naval arts,	197
T.	Theatre, Music,	148
U.	Fine arts,	137
V.	Literature, (Gen. works, Essays, Letters etc.)	563
Va.	Periodicals, (bound volumes)	160
Vb.	Periodicals, (numbers)	1,189
Vf.	Fiction,	11,967
Vp.	Poetry, Drama,	182
X.	Literary history, Bibliography,	105
Y.	Language,	13
Z.	Miscellaneous,	10

During the past library year Mrs. Bliss reports the cataloguing of 2,011 volumes, of which 805 volumes belonged to the Calvert collection. Of this large collection there are now less than 300 volumes to be done, and it is probable that the title-list will be ready for the printer during the coming autumn. The Librarian is sorry to

have to report that no cataloguing work has yet been done on the valuable collection of books on angling given by Mr. D. B. Fearing (mention of which was made in last year's report), nor on the more recently received Thayer collection. This has been owing solely to the innumerable demands upon the time of the Librarian, which have made it impossible for him to find opportunity to give the books the necessary class-marks. The use of the library has increased to such an extent that, with only one assistant for the greater part of the year, far too much of the Librarian's time is occupied in purely routine library business, thus seriously interfering with, and delaying, his proper work.

Only 118 volumes were bound last year, including twenty-one volumes of periodicals. The larger part of the remainder were comparatively new books which it was necessary to rebind in order to keep in circulation. This question of binding is becoming a serious one for our library owing to the lack of funds for the purpose. Very few of the current periodicals have been bound for several years—not even Harper's, the Century, and such popular periodicals. The wear and tear of books in circulation is very great. Many books are injured, even when quite new, by careless handling, by being slung on bicycles, or laid on the bottom of carriages. This, and the fact that most publishers issue their books bound in such a way as to guarantee their coming to pieces in the shortest possible time, make the cost of the binding department in a library a very heavy one. The novels, particularly, owing to the poor binding and hard service, go to destruction in great numbers each year. This is not, in the case of novels, an unmitigated misfortune, since much fiction rubbish can be thus got rid of, if the damaged volumes are not replaced. The Library is much indebted to Mr. H. G. Marquand for a gift of \$100 last December, for binding purposes.

The unusual demands upon our shelf-room by the accession of such collections as the Thayer bequest, the

Fearing collection, and particularly by the rapidly increasing, space-consuming, Government publications (nearly 200 quarto and octavo volumes of this class were received last year) make the need of another stack in the Stack Room very evident. The Fiction Room, too, is greatly overcrowded, and now contains only comparatively recent novels. The older books (for which there is always some call) were removed to the only available space—the alcove in the Reading Room near the Fiction Room door. These shelves were not sufficient to hold all the books that should go upon them, so the still older and rarely read novels were taken to the Delivery Room gallery. This subdivision and dislocation of the fiction is a serious inconvenience both to the clerk and to the readers who are seeking material of this class.

The congested condition of the Fiction Room might be relieved, for the present at least, by the erection of transverse alcoves from the north wall, but in the Stack Room many of the sections will be more than full when the recent donations have been catalogued and shelved. With regard to the Government publications another year will see the exhaustion of all the available space for these books. If this library is to continue to be one of the "designated depositories" of these documents, space must in some way be provided for them.

In the matter of improvements two conditions demand attention whenever the financial condition of the library permits. One is the need of a sound-deadening covering for the floor of the Reading and Delivery rooms—the noise of foot-falls on the bare floor being a serious disturbance to the needful quiet of the rooms—and the other is a remedy for the dampness of the cellar and the percolation of water beneath the foundation walls during wet weather. The remedy for this defect would undoubtedly be found in a rubble drain around the building.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1900.

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| <p>American anthropologist.
 American historical review.
 American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy.
 <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Antiquary.
 Architectural record.
 Army and Navy journal.
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic Monthly.
 Bibliographie de la France.
 Blackwood's magazine.
 Bookbuyer.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Bulletin American Geographical
 Society. <i>From D. B. Fearing.</i>
 Bulletin of the Department of
 Labor. <i>From the U. S. De-</i>
 partment of Labor.
 Catalogue U. S. Government pub-
 lications. <i>From the Superin-</i>
 tendent of Documents.
 Century.
 Charities review.
 Chataquan.
 Christian register. <i>From the pub-</i>
 <i>lisher.</i>
 Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>
 City and State. <i>From the pub-</i>
 <i>lisher.</i>
 Cloyne magazine. <i>From O. W.</i>
 Huntington.</p> | <p>Contemporary review.
 Critic.
 Cumulative index.
 Dial.
 Edinburgh review.
 Educational review.
 Electrical world. <i>From W. Gibbs.</i>
 English historical review.
 Fliegende blätter.
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Geographical journal. <i>From F.</i>
 Sheldon.
 Geological magazine.
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Harvard graduates' magazine.
 <i>From the Harvard Club of</i>
 <i>R. I.</i>
 Illustrated London news.
 Indian's friend. <i>From the Wom-</i>
 <i>an's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.</i>
 International monthly.
 Knowledge.
 Land of sunshine. <i>From the pub-</i>
 <i>lisher.</i>
 Library journal.
 Life. <i>From W. Gibbs.</i>
 Lippincott's magazine.
 Literary news.
 Literary world.
 Literature.
 Littell's living age.
 McClure's Magazine.
 Macmilan's magazine.</p> |
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- Mail. (London.)
 Monthly weather review. *From*
 W. Gibbs.
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
 Municipal affairs. *From* W. Gibbs.
 Nation.
 Nature.
 New earth. *From the publisher.*
 New England historical and gen-
 ealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and bio-
 graphical record.
 New York herald.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the*
 publisher.
 Newport herald. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Newport journal. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Newport mercury. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Open court. *From* W. Binney.
 Outlook.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home*
 Market Club.
 Providence daily journal.
 Publisher's circular.
 Publisher's weekly.
- Punch.
 Quarterly bulletin of the Am. Inst.
 of Architects. *From the Insti-*
 tute.
 Quarterly reviews.
 Review of reviews.
 Revue critique.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue Larousse.
 Revue scientifique.
 R. I. Historical Society publica-
 tions. *From the society.*
 St. James' budget.
 St. Nicholas.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Sound currency. *From the Re-*
 form Club.
 Southern workman. *From* A. B.
 Emmons.
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican.
 Gift.
 Tablet.
 Technological quarterly. *From*
 Mrs. W. B. Rogers.
 Travelers' record. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From*
 the U. S. Patent Office.
 Velhagen & Klasings monats-
 hefte.
 Vom fels zum meer.
 Weather map, Daily. *From* U. S.
 Weather Bureau, Boston.

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Academy of Natural Sciences (Philadelphia), 3 periodicals.</p> <p>American Colonization Society. 1 pph., 2 periodicals.</p> <p>American Institute of Architects, 1 vol., 1 periodical.</p> <p>American Museum of Natural History, 1 periodical.</p> <p>Amherst College, 1 pph., 4 bulletins.</p> <p>Ancient and Honourable Artillery Co., of Mass., 2 pphs.</p> <p>Anonymous, 3 vols., 8 pphs., 8 periodicals.</p> <p>Atkinson, Miss L. F., 2 vols.</p> <p>Austin, Amory, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Babcock, Stephen, 1 vol.</p> <p>Baker, Virginia, 1 pph.</p> <p>Balch, Edwin S., 1 vol.</p> <p>Balch, Thomas Willing, 1 vol.</p> <p>Banta, Theodore M., 1 vol.</p> <p>Barnes, William A., 1 pph.</p> <p>Bliss, Richard, 8 vols., 31 pphs., 5 periodicals.</p> <p>Boston Public Library, 1 vol., 1 report, 11 bulletins.</p> <p>Brinley, C. A., 5 vols.</p> <p>Bronson Library Fund, 3 reports.</p> <p>Brooklyn Library, 1 report, 1 bulletin.</p> <p>Brown, Mrs. Harold, 67 vols.</p> <p>Brown University, 1 vol., 3 pphs.</p> <p>Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1 vol.</p> <p>Burnett, Joseph & Co., 1 vol.</p> <p>Bush, Lieut. J. C., U. S. A., 1 pph.</p> | <p>Canada Geological Survey, 1 vol., 2 pphs., 6 maps.</p> <p>Chicago Public Library, 1 report.</p> <p>Cincinnati Public Library, 1 report, 1 bulletin.</p> <p>Cozzens, Miss Hannah G., 1 pph.</p> <p>Creighton, Mrs. J. M., 3 vols.</p> <p>Cutting, Mrs. M., 2 vols.</p> <p>Dayton Public Library and Museum, 2 reports.</p> <p>Depew, Chauncey, M., 1 pph.</p> <p>Diman, Rev. J. B., 1 pph.</p> <p>Dow, Joy Wheeler, 1 vol.</p> <p>Emmet, Dr. Thomas Addis, 1 vol.</p> <p>Emmons, A. B., 2 vols., 57 pphs, 14 periodicals.</p> <p>Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1 report.</p> <p>Essex Institute, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Fairmount Park Art Association, 1 pph.</p> <p>Fall River Public Library, 1 report.</p> <p>Fearing, D. B., 16 vols., 8 pphs., 12 periodicals.</p> <p>Fearing, Mrs. D. B., 1 vol., 2 pphs.</p> <p>Forbes Library, (Northampton), 1 report.</p> <p>Friend's Free Library, (German-town Pa.). 1 report.</p> <p>Friend's Yearly Meeting, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Gibbs, Dr. W., 67 vols., 21 pphs., 15 periodicals.</p> <p>Gillett, Dr. H. W., 2 pphs.</p> <p>Green, Dr. S. A., 2 vols.</p> |
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 Grinnell, W. Morton, 1 vol.
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 Scott, W., 2 periodicals.
 Sherman, W. W., 10 vols.
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 Stechert, Gustav E., 1 pph.
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 U. S. Geological Survey, 1 pph. 58 atlas folios, 232 atlas sheets.
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 U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 pph.
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 University of Vermont, 1 pph.
 Van Horne, F. C., 1 vol.
 Van Rensselaer, Mrs. John King, 1 vol.
 Van Rensselaer, Mrs. S., 1 vol.
 Wales, Mrs. G. W., 1 pph.
 Ward, H. G., 35 vols.
 Wetmore, G. P., 3 vols., 8 pphs., map.
 Wilson, George, 1 vol.
 Wisconsin Free Library Commission, 1 pph.
 Wood, Henry, 2 vols.
 Worcester Free Public Library, 1 report.
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.
 Yale University, 1 vol., 5 pphs.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

*Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Malcolm, Rev. C. H., Estate,	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.,		Marquand, Henry G.	1
Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs. H. B.		Mason, Ida M.	1
Lyman),	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Norman, George H., Estate,	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B., Estate,	1
Cooke, Henry Williams,	1	Pierson, Mrs. S. Augusta	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sherman, Mrs. Elizabeth (N. Y.)	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Spooner, George	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Smith, Howard	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate,	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Gibbes, Sarah, (Mrs. R. M.		Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Thompson)	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Thaw, Benjamin	1
Hazard, James L., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hone, Robert S., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, Peter,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Lorillard, Louis L.,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
McLeod, Angus	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Willett, Edward M., Estate,	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	DeBlois, Henry D.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Atkinson, Louisa F. and Mary E.	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Denniston, George	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Bancroft, John C.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barensprung, Mrs. Lucia G.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Dyer, Herbert L.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Birkhead, James, M. D.,	1	Ellery, Anna M.	1
Bispham, G. T. et al., Trustees,	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Foster, Fanny	2
Brinley, Francis, Estate	1	Franklin, Robert M.	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Brownell, Lucy P.	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Estate,	4
Buffum, William P.	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gillen, Charles A.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Chase, William Henry	1	Greene, William Brenton	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Clarke, Mrs. William P.		Hall, George, Estate,	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1
Covell, William W.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross),	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1		

Hazard, John A., Estate (of T. G.),	1	Peckham, Henry S., Estate,	2
Hazard, Mrs. Nancy	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	2	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Huntington, Oliver W.	1	Pierson, J. Fred	3
Ives, Charles Acton, Estate,	1	Pinniger, David T.	1
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Powel, John Hare	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, Clarence	1	Richards, Benjamin H.	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
King, Mrs. Ella Rives	1	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
King, Mrs. Mary A.	3	Rider, Philip	1
King, George G.,	4	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Ladd, Mrs. Carrie V.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Sherman, William B., Jr.,	1
Lawton, George, Estate,	1	Sherman, Dr. William S.	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Simmons, Eliza P.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Smith, Mary I. and Elizabeth B.	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Spencer, Edward L.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Spooner, George	2
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. Martha A.	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Stevens, William, Estate,	7
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mason, Ida M.	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Newton, Edward, Estate,	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Newton, Caroline	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	4
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Tilton, Frederick W.	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Peckham, Antoinette S.	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
		Tuckerman, Alfred	1

Tweedy, Edmund	2	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Underwood, Charles W., Estate,	1	White, Catherine	1
Underwood, William J.	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1	Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	1
Vaughn, George H.	1	Wilks, Nina M.	1
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1	Wilson, J. Hazard	1
Ward, Henry N.	1	Withers, Creighton	1
Weaver, George Norman	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
Weaver, John G., Estate,	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Weld, William G., Estate,	1	Wormeley, Katherine P.	1
Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2		

LIFE MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, that all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchess de
Dunn, Thomas
Gibbs, Theodore K.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederic
King, Mrs. Edward
King, George Gordon
Lorillard, Pierre
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry
Marquand, H. G.

Mason, Ellen F.
Mason, Ida M.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pierson, J. Fred
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P. Jr.,
Sheldon, Frederick
Stevens, Frederick W.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tweedy, Edmund
Ward, Henry Galbraith
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph

CHARTER.

COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven:

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible; to which end James Honyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning; which they have accordingly done, &c.: whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Company do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments in fee simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices, and other persons what-

soever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport, due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof, and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues as also all the business and affairs of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor,

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary*.

THE CHARTER AS AMENDED IN 1856.

An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company; viz:—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company, at the Library-room, on the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors; or upon request, made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14.—*The President.*—He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meetings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary; and shall himself be a director *ex-officio*.

ART. 15.—*The Directors.*—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the Island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase of books, to make

necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regulations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary*.—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the Company; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the

annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

**AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT THE
JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1861.**

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

**AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT THE
JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1867.**

An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the proceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

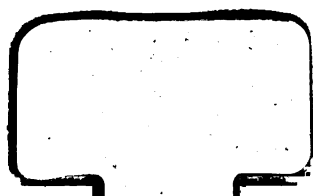
SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.

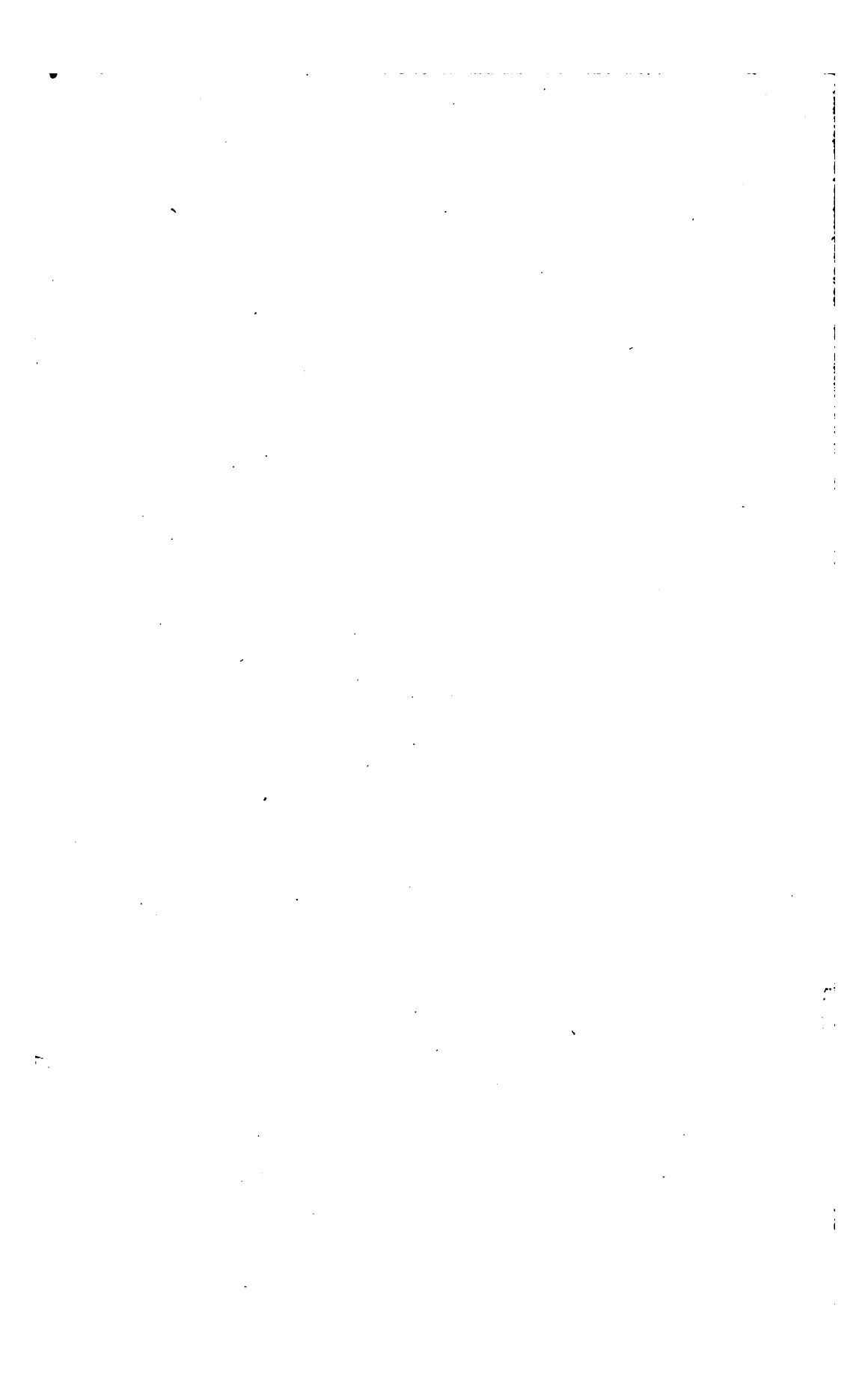
**AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT THE
JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1883.**

An Act in Amendment of the Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, passed at the October session, A. D. 1790.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Redwood Library Company in the town of Newport shall hereafter be held on the third Wednesday in August, instead of on the third Wednesday in September as heretofore.

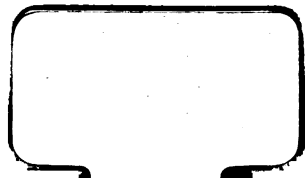






FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the city of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the uses and purposes of said Institution.



ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1901.



NEWPORT, R. I.
F. W. MARSHALL, PRINTER.
1901.



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Redwood Library & Athenæum
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OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1901-1902.

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HENRY G. MARQUAND.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

DIRECTORS:

ROBERT S. BARKER,

LOUIS B. McCAGG,

DANIEL B. FEARING,

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

THEODORE K. GIBBS,

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

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J. FRED PIERSON,

W. WATTS SHERMAN,

G. NORMAN WEAVER.

TREASURER.

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

SECRETARY.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR., GEORGE G. KING,
STEPHEN B. LUCE, ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.

ON BOOKS.

GEORGE G. KING, W. WATTS SHERMAN,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS, CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.

ON FINANCE.

THEODORE K. GIBBS, FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
GEORGE G. KING.

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY.

GEORGE G. KING, LOUIS B. McCAGG,
ROBERT S. BARKER.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

G. NORMAN WEAVER, J. FRED PIERSON.

ON REPAIRS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., GEORGE G. KING,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, G. NORMAN WEAVER.

ON EXPENDITURES.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
J. FRED PIERSON.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1901.

A quorum not being present the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 19th inst., at three p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, a quorum of Stockholders in person and by proxy being present.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders was received. Also the Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian, and the Vice-President and Secretary were instructed to have five hundred copies of the various reports printed, with such other matter as is usually included.

The following persons, having received transfers of shares during the year, were elected members of the Corporation, viz: Samuel Powel, Jr., Frederick Bradley, James T. Wright.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for in the charter for the purchase of books, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Treasurer's salary for the coming year be fifty dollars.

Voted, that the Finance Committee be authorized to invest the whole or any part of the Deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport, as they deem best, in Railroad or other Corporation Bonds.

The following officers were then elected:

<i>President,</i>	.	.	Henry G. Marquand.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	Arthur B. Emmons.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	Thomas P. Peckham.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	Charles E. Hammett, Jr.

Directors.

Robert S. Barker,	Stephen B. Luce,
Daniel B. Fearing,	Louis B. McCagg,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.
George G. King,	Frederick Tompkins,
G. Norman Weaver,	J. Fred Pierson,
W. Watts Sherman.	

Mr. William P. Buffum and Mr. B. B. H. Sherman were chosen a committee to audit the accounts of the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 14, 1901.

The year just passed has been without incident or change of special note in the life of the Library. The use of the Library, as indicated by the circulation of books, and the growth in the number of books, has remained about the same as in the preceding year. The total number of volumes now in the Library is estimated to be 48,696.

The Catalogue of the Calvert Collection made in compliance with the provisions of the bequest has been completed and published. Its value and interest have been much increased by the biographical sketch and bibliography added by Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins.

We have to thank Mr. Daniel B. Fearing for a further addition to the already large collection of books on Sports presented by him, and also to acknowledge valuable gifts from Mr. Amory Austin and Miss Austin and the Misses Richmond.

The growth of the Library has now reached a point where an increase of shelf accommodation in the stack room has become a practical necessity, and without it, as the Librarian's report shows, it will be necessary to begin immediately to pile books on the floor. A two story stack

on the south side of the East Room corresponding to the existing Potter stack on the north side of the same room, would relieve this want for a number of years to come, but unfortunately we are without the financial means to provide it. This is at the moment the most pressing need of the Library and every month it is becoming more pressing.

We regret to have to record the loss to the Library, through resignation, of the assistance of Miss Gosling after nine years of faithful service.

It remains to note that the long felt need of funds for binding and other important incidental matters is still unsatisfied.

Reference is made to the reports herewith of the Librarian and Treasurer for full particulars on those matters.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
Vice-President.

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Aug. 14, 1901.

Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport:

John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund,	1,000 00
David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum, Book Fund,	2,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	632 03
George H. Calvert Special Fund,	139 41
William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund,	1,688 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund,	265 74
LeRoy King General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
W. G. Weld General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund,	3,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	10,000 00
Current Expense Fund,	1,522 11
Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406 29
Catalogue Printing Fund,	170 50

Deposits in Industrial Trust Company:

Martha M. Anderson Fund,	1,000 00
Orleana R. E. Pell Fund,	2,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6%, David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, William H. Potter Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
3 Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5%,	3,000 00

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2	Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia	
	R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & Northern	
	R. R. 5%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R.	
	6%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R.	
	4%,	1,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co.	
	5%,	3,000 00
	Nine shares Preferred Stock Union Pacific R. R. Co.	900 00
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		\$67,724 33

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,
Treasurer.

I have examined the above accounts and have compared them
with the securities and find them correct.

WILLIAM P. BUFFUM, Auditor.

Librarian's Report.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith the nineteenth Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition of the Library, with statistics, for the year 1900-1901.

During the Library year 1900-1901 the additions to the printed matter in the Library comprise 1,065 volumes and 420 periodicals. Of the former number 440 volumes were bought and 625 volumes given. This makes the whole number of added volumes exceed those of the previous year by 139. The number of books purchased this year is, however, less by 66 volumes than is that of the previous year, while the number of books given exceeds that of the same period by 205. Of the book donations, 263 volumes are sheep-bound Government publications, from the Superintendent of Documents. The number of works of fiction purchased is 107—about 24 per cent of the whole.

A summary of the accessions to the Library during the past year will be found in the following table, which, however, does not include current periodicals, nor the periodical issues of learned societies.

No. of volumes in the Library, August 15, 1900,	47,631
No. of volumes added by purchase,	440
No. of volumes added by gift,	625
Total in the Library, August 14, 1901,	48,696
Pamphlets added,	420
Odd numbers of periodicals added,	124
Continuations,	47

The foregoing table represents the whole number of volumes in the Library as 48,696. These figures are based upon the yearly accessions for many years past and are probably in excess of the actual number of volumes on our shelves, for a considerable number of volumes—almost entirely in the department of fiction—have been worn out, and, not being worthy of being replaced, have been permanently removed from the shelves. The actual number of volumes so removed is at present uncertain, the record of the removals having been mislaid; but it is intended next year to make an actual count of the volumes in the Library, which will give the needed rectification for removals.

In addition to the decrease in the number of volumes by legitimate removal, there is another form of removal going on in the Library which it is not pleasant to contemplate, but which seems unavoidable under the present condition of open shelves. Reference is here made, of course, to losses by theft. It is unfortunate that the construction of the Library is such as to afford an almost unlimited opportunity for the removal of books surreptitiously. Not only are those entitled to the use of the Library—children as well as adults—permitted free and unsupervised access to the shelves, but the Stack Room, which contains the bulk of our collection of books and from which most of the books which disappear are lost, is entirely open in summer to visitors and tourists. The force in the Library is too small to permit the detail of an assistant to supervise the Stack Room and it often happens that strangers are in there alone for a considerable period of time. The number of books which annually disappear seems to be considerable, but the actual number cannot be told until we have a “shelf-catalogue” and a period of library closure for the verification of the shelf lists. Some books are unquestionably taken out thoughtlessly without being charged, but such books are generally returned to the desk. Occasionally a missing book reappears, after a time, in its place

the previous year. The cataloguing work of the year includes (besides the current accessions) the completion of the Calvert collection, and the cataloguing of the Fearing collection on sport. As a matter of safety this collection—which contains many rare and valuable editions—has, together with the other works on amusements, been put on the second floor of the stack away from the other works of the class to which it belongs. Cataloguing work on the Thayer collection has been begun, and this, together with the Austin gift, will be completed this coming winter. At the time that Mrs. Bliss made the card catalogue of the Calvert books she prepared a short title list of these works for publication, in accordance with the conditions of Mr. Calvert's bequest, which list was published by the Library last spring. Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins, who had charge of the publication, greatly added to the value of the work by prefixing to it a biographical notice of Mr. Calvert, and a chronological bibliography of Mr. Calvert's published writings. The list, which contains as a frontispiece a half-tone print of Mr. Calvert from a crayon sketch by William M. Hunt, forms a small octavo pamphlet of fifty-five pages. Copies were sent to all the libraries on our exchange list.

Last winter a beginning was made in the preparation of the much-needed "shelf list" of the books in the library, and to this end Major T. K. Gibbs kindly contributed sixty dollars. Unfortunately the librarian did not succeed in obtaining any other contribution for this purpose and the work had to be discontinued after biography, history, travels and literary history had been done. A shelf list is, of course, an essential complement to the card catalogue, since it is by the former alone that the librarian, or the clerk, is able to identify books from their class-marks, or to determine what books are missing from the shelves. It is desirable that, during the coming year, means may be found to complete the work begun last winter.

The remarks made by the librarian in last year's report concerning the need of an additional stack might be repeated this year with greater emphasis. The Fiction Room is so crowded that it has long since overflowed into the Reading and Delivery rooms—much to the inconvenience of the clerk when she is seeking some of the less recent books. The rapid accumulation of periodicals, and restricted space, has made it impossible to keep this class of literature together, and the books are now distributed over all the library in every unoccupied nook and corner, thus making the task of collecting subjects indicated in Poole's index one of considerable magnitude. The space allotted to literary history is quite filled, and the same is true of history and science. In three or four more months the sheep-bound Government publications which then come in will have to be stacked on the floor of the gallery, for the shelves assigned to them are nearly full. It is true that there are empty shelves to be seen in the stack where the books on biography, travels and general literature are located, but such spaces are left for the normal growth of these departments, and no useful purpose would be served by packing the books solidly on the shelves in order to gain, temporarily, a little room. Another two-storey stack would not give more than the room needed for a proper display of our books.

Last spring, Miss Gosling, who had been chief assistant in the library for nine years, felt obliged to sever her connection with this institution. The vacancy thus caused was temporarily filled by Miss Ethel Cozzens of this city.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1901.

American anthropologist.	Cloyne magazine. <i>From</i> O. W. Huntington.
American historical review.	Columbia University quarterly.
American journal of archæology.	<i>From</i> Columbia University.
American journal of science.	Contemporary Review.
American monthly.	Critic.
American naturalist.	Cumulative index.
Annals of American Academy.	Deutsche rundschau.
<i>From</i> A. B. Emmons.	Dial.
Antiquary.	Edinburg review.
Architectural record.	Educational review.
Army and Navy journal.	Electrical world. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs.
Association review.	English historical review.
<i>From</i> F. W. Booth.	Fortnightly review.
Athenæum.	Forum.
Atlantic monthly.	Gardener's Chronicle.
Bibliographie de la France.	Geographical journal. <i>From</i> F. Sheldon.
Blackwood's magazine.	Geological magazine.
Bookbuyer.	Good words.
Bookman.	Graphic.
Bookseller.	Harper's magazine.
Boston daily advertiser.	Harper's weekly.
Boston daily herald.	Harvard graduates' magazine.
Bulletin American Geographical Society. <i>From</i> D. B. Fearing.	<i>From</i> the Harvard Club of R. I.
Bulletin of the Department of Labor. <i>From</i> the U. S. Department of Labor.	Illustrated London news.
Catalogue U. S. Government publications. <i>From</i> the Superintendent of Documents.	Indian's friend. <i>From</i> the Women's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.
Century.	International monthly.
Charities review.	Knowledge.
Christian register. <i>From</i> the publisher.	Land of sunshine. <i>From</i> the publisher.
Churchman. <i>Gift</i> .	Library journal.
	Life. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs.

- Lippincott's magazine.
 Literarische centralblatt.
 Literary news.
 Literary world.
 Literature.
 Littell's living age.
 McClure's magazine.
 Magazine of art.
 Mail. (London.)
 Monthly review.
 Monthly weather review. *From*
 W. Gibbs.
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift*.
 Municipal affairs. *From* W. Gibbs.
 Nation.
 Nature.
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York sun.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher*.
 Newport herald. *From the publisher*.
 Newport journal. *From the publisher*.
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher*.
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries. (London.)
 Notes on R. I. ornithology. *From*
 R. H. Howe, Jr.
 Open court. *From* A. Blight.
 Outlook.
 Petermann's mittheilungen.
 Poet lore.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home Market Club*.
 Providence daily journal.
 Providence medical journal. *From the R. I. Medical Society*.
 Publisher's circular.
 Publisher's weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly bulletin of the Am. Inst. of Architects. *From the Institute*.
 Quarterly review.
 Revue archéologique.
 Revue critique.
 Revue de synthèse historique.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue scientifique.
 Revue universelle.
 R. I. Historical Society publication. *From the society*.
 St. James budget.
 St. Nicholas.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Sitzungsber. der k. k. Akad. Berl. *From* W. Gibbs.
 Sound currency. *From the Reform Club*.
 Southern workman. *From* A. B. Emmons.
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican.
 Sketch.
 Tablet.
 Technological quarterly. *From* Mrs. W. B. Rogers.
 Travelers' record. *From the publisher*.
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office*.
 Velhagen & Klasings monatshefte.
 Weather map, Daily. *From* U. S. Weather Bureau, Boston.
 World's work.

List of Donors to the Library.

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| <p>Ackers, Finlay, 1 vol.
 American Colonization Society,
 1 period.
 American Institute of Architects,
 1 pph., 2 periods.
 American-Irish Historical Society,
 1 vol.
 Amherst College, 2 pphs.
 Amory, Frederic, 2 vols.
 Anonymous, 2 vols., 4 pph., 1
 period.
 Austin, A. and C., 145 vols., 61
 pphs., 1 period. 4 photographs.
 Avery, S. P., 1 vol.
 Balch, Thomas Willing, 1 vol.
 Barnes, William A., 1 vol.
 Barton, Rev. W. E., 1 vol.
 Best, Mrs. C. L., 20 vols.
 Betton, Miss E. L., 2 vols.
 Boston General Theological Li-
 brary, 1 pph.
 Boston Museum Fine Arts, 1 pph.
 Boston Port Society, 1 pph.
 Boston Public Library, 1 pph.
 Boston Record Commissioners, 1
 vol.
 Brooks, Caroline E., 1 vol.
 Brown, Mrs. Harold, 41 vols.
 Brown University, 4 pphs., 1 period.
 Bunker Hill Monument Associa-
 tion, 1 vol.
 Chicago College of Law, 1 pph.
 City of Newport, 1 vol.
 Civil Service Reform Association,
 7 pphs.
 Columbia University, 2 vols., 2
 periods.</p> | <p>Cornell University, 2 pphs.
 Cozzens, Miss Hannah, 1 pph.
 Craig, Alexander, 1 vol.
 Duer, Miss H. R., 1 vol.
 Ellis, Miss H., 2 vols.
 Emmons, A. B., 4 vols., 75 pphs.,
 14 period.
 Essex Institute, 1 pph.
 Fairmount Park Art Association,
 2 pphs.
 Fearing, Mrs. D. B., 35 vols.
 Fearing, D. B., 115 vols., 54 pphs.,
 3 period.
 Field Columbian Museum, 10 pphs.
 Friends Free Library, 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Mrs. T. K., 5 vols.
 Gibbs, Dr. W., 13 vols., 19 pphs.,
 17 period.
 Grand Rapids Board of Trade,
 1 pph.
 Green, James, 1 pph.
 Green, Dr. S. A., 2 vols.
 Hart, Simon, 1 pph.
 Harvard University, 2 vols., 21
 period.
 Honey, S. R., 4 vols.
 Howe, Reginald H., Jr., 6 period.
 Illinois Society Sons American
 Revolution, 1 pph.
 Indian Rights Association, 2 pphs.
 Interstate Commerce Commission,
 1 vol.
 King, Rev. Henry M., 3 pphs.
 Langley, A. G., 8 pphs., 6 period.
 Leland Stanford Jr. University,
 3 pphs.
 Library of Congress, 8 pphs.</p> |
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- Lytle, J. J., 1 pph.
 Mass. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., 1 pph.
 Mass. Commissioner of Public Records, 1 pph.
 Mass. Historical Society, 1 vol.
 Mass. Institute of Technology, 3 pphs.
 Mass. Lodge Free Masons, 1 pph.
 May, John S., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Mayor, John E. B., 1 pph.
 Michigan State Board of Health, 1 vol., 18 pphs.
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
 New York Metropolitan Museum, 1 pph.
 New York State Library, 12 vols., 1 pph.
 Newark Free Public Library, 1 pph.
 Newport Charity Organization, 1 pph.
 Newport Hospital, 1 pph.
 Newport Public School Committee, 1 vol.
 Ogilvie Publishing Co., 1 vol.
 Ohio State Archaeol. and Historical Society, 3 period.
 Peabody Institute, 1 pph.
 Perkins Institute, 1 vol.
 Potter, Mrs. E. T., 1 vol.
 Potter, William H., 2 vols.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 3 vols., 2 period.
 Princeton University Library, 1 pph.
 Providence Medical Association, 1 pph., 4 period.
 Providence Public Library, 2 pphs.
 Putnam, Dr. Helen C., 3 pphs.
 R.I. Commissioner Public Schools, 1 vol.
 R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
 R. I. School of Design, 1 pph.
 R. I. State Board of Agriculture, 5 pphs.
 R. I. State Board of Health, 4 vols.
 Richmond, Misses F. T., M. and M. E., 12 vols., 4 pphs., 17 period.
 Rider, Sidney, 3 period.
 Rogers, Mrs. W. B., 1 vol.
 Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
 San Francisco Board of Supervisors, 1 vol.
 Seward, George F., 4 pphs.
 Shakespeare Society of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Sheffield, W. P., 1 pph.
 Sheldon, Frederick, 2 vols.
 Sherman, W. W., 5 vols.
 Smithsonian Institution, 6 vols., 3 pphs.
 Southern Education Association, 1 pph.
 Stearns, Frank Preston, 4 vols.
 Storer, Miss Agnes C., 5 vols., 20 pphs.
 Storer, Dr. H. R., 4 pphs.
 Swan, Chas. H., Jr., 1 vol.
 Thomas, Addison, 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 3 vols., 1 pph.
 Union Pacific R. R. Co., 1 pph.
 U. S. Board on Geographic Names, 1 vol.
 U. S. Bureau of Education, 7 pphs.
 U. S. Coast Survey, 2 vols., 3 pphs.
 U. S. Commission to Paris Exposition 1900, 3 pphs.
 U. S. Dept. Agriculture, 18 pphs.
 U. S. Dept. of the Interior, 34 vols.
 U. S. Dept. of Labor, 5 vols., 6 period.
 U. S. Dept. of State, 3 vols.
 U. S. Fish Commissioners, 1 vol.
 U. S. Geological Survey, 1 pph.

U. S. Life-Saving Service, 1 vol.	University of Vermont, 1 pph.
U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 vol., 1 pph.	Varnum, Miss A. L., 42 vols.
U. S. Patent Office, 1 vol.	Vernon, J. Peace, 1 pph.
U. S. Supt. of Documents, 263 vols., 205 pphs., 11 atlas folios, 4 atlas sheets.	Ward, H. G., 1 vol.
University of Illinois, 1 pph.	Woolsey, Miss S. C., 1 pph.
	Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.
	Yale University, 1 vol., 2 pph.

The Redwood Library has Received Reports from the following Libraries:

Amherst College Library; Boston Athenaeum; Boston Public Library; Bronson Library Fund, Waterbury, Conn.; Brooklyn Mercantile Library; Cambridge Public Library; Chicago Public Library; Cincinnati Public Library; Concord Public Library; Dayton Public Library; Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.; Fall River Public Library; Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.; Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa.; Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.; Jersey City Public Library; Lawrence Public Library; Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; Maimonides Library, New York; New Bedford Free Library; New Hampshire State Library; New York Public Library; New York Mercantile Library Association; New York State Library; Newark Free Library; Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.; Newton Library; Otis Library, Norwich, Conn.; Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.; Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.; Philadelphia Free Library; Philadelphia Library Company; Philadelphia Mercantile Library; Portland (Or.) Library Association; Pratt Institute Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Providence Public Library; Providence Athenaeum; St. Louis Public Library; St. Louis Mercantile Library; Salem Public Library; San Francisco Public Library; Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association; Taunton Public Library; Warren Co. Library Association, Monmouth, Ill.; Worcester Free Library.

Library bulletins, or periodical lists, have been received from the following: Boston Public Library; Brooklyn Public Library; Cincinnati Public Library; Helena Public Library; Jersey City Public Library; Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library; New York Mercantile Library; Otis Library; Philadelphia Mercantile Library; Portland (Or.) Library Association; San Francisco Public Library; Warren Co. (Ill.) Library Association.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share.		Share.
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Malcolm, Rev. C. H., Estate,	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.,		Marquand, Henry G.	1
Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs. H. B.		Mason, Ida M.	1
Lyman),	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Norman, George H., Estate,	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Parish, Daniel. Jr.,	1
Carey, John Jr., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B., Estate,	1
Cooke, Henry Williams,	1	Pierson, J. Frederick	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sherman, Mrs. Elizabeth (N. Y.)	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Spooner, George	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Smith, Howard, Estate,	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Staigg, Richard M., Estate	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M.		Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Thompson)	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Thaw, Benjamin	1
Hazard, James L., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hone, Robert S., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy Robert L., Estate,	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, Peter	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Lorillard, Louis L.	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	1
McLeod, Angus	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1	Willett, Edward M., Estate,	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Almon, Andrew B.	1	DeBlois, H. M.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Denniston, George, Estate,	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	D'Hautville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Bancroft, John C.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Barensprung, Mrs. Lucia G.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Dyer, Herbert L.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Birkhead, James, M. D.,	1	Ellery, Anna M.	1
Bispham, G. T. et. al. Trustees,	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Bradley, Frederick	1	Foster, Fanny	2
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Franklin, Robert M.	1
Brinley, Francis, Estate,	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.,	
Brownell, Lucy P.	1	Estate,	4
Buffum, William P.	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Burdick, J. Truman,	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gillen, Charles A.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Chase, William Henry	1	Greene, William Brenton	1
Clarke, Henry A.	4	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Clarke, Mrs. William P.	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hammett, Charles E., Jr.,	2
Cornell, Ellen	1	Hammett, James H., Estate,	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1
Covell, William W.	1	Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs.	
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	John M. Cross),	1
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3

Hazard, John A., Estate (of T. G.),	1	Peckham, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	2	Pell, Mrs. Walden.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Huntington, Oliver W.	1	Pierson, J. Fred.	3
Ives, Charles Acton, Estate,	1	Pinniger, David T.	1
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Powel, John Hare	1
Kimber, Anthony M.	1	Powel, Samuel	1
King, Clarence	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Richards, Benjamin H.	1
King, Mrs. Ella Rives	1	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
King, Mrs. Mary A.	3	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
King, George G.	4	Rider, Philip	1
Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Ladd, Mrs. Carrie V.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Sherman, Anthony S.	1
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Lawton, George, Estate,	1	Sherman, William B., Jr.,	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Sherman, Dr. William S.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Simmons, Eliza P.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Smith, Mary I. and Elizabeth B.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Spencer, Edward L.	1
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Spooner, George	2
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Stevens, Mrs. Martha A.	1
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	7
Mason, Ida M.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Newton, Edward, Estate,	1	Thomas, Addison	1
Newton, Caroline	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Paine, John, Estate,	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	4
Parkman, George F.	3	Tilton, Frederick W.	1
Peckham, Antoinette S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Peckham, Henry S., Estate,	2	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
		Tuckerman, Alfred	1

Tweedy, Edmund	2	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Underwood, William J.	1	White, Catherine	1
Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Vaughn, George H.	1	Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	1
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Wilks, Nina M.	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Ward, Henry N.	1	Wilson, J. Hazard,	1
Weaver, George Norman	1	Woollett, Sidney	1
Weaver, John G., Estate,	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Weld, William G., Estate,	1	Wormeley, Katherine P.	1
Wetmore, Mrs. Sarah T.	2	Wright, James T.	1

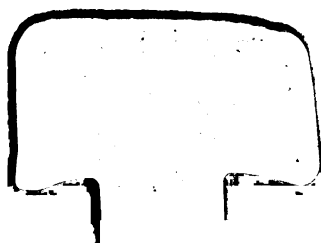
LIFE MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, that all who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander
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Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchess de
Dunn, Thomas
Gibbs, Theodore K.
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Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
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King, George Gordon
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry
Marquand, H. G.

Mason, Ellen F.
Mason, Ida M.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pierson, J. Fred
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers, Fairman
Sheffield, William P., Jr.,
Sheldon, Frederick
Stevens, Frederick W.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Tweedy, Edmund
Ward, Henry Galbraith
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, C. W.
Wharton, Joseph







FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the city of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the uses and purposes of said Institution.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenaeum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1902.

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NEWPORT, R. I.
F. W. MARSHALL, PRINTER.
1902.



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Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1902-1903.

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ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

G. NORMAN WEAVER, J. FRED PIERSON.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

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ON REPAIRS AND EXPENDITURES.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
ANGUS McLEOD.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1902.

The one hundred and seventy-second Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 20th, 1902, at three o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President in the chair, and a quorum of stockholders in person and by proxy were ascertained to be present. The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. Mr. Emmons read the Report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders and the Treasurers and Librarian's Annual Reports were also read. It was voted that the reports be received and five hundred copies be printed under direction of the President and Secretary.

The following persons having received transfer of shares were elected members of the Corporation viz: Henry Coggeshall, Fred A. Arnold, Mrs. Jeannie B. Coggeshall.

Miss Susan B. Travers, was added to the list of life members.

A letter was read from Louis B. McCagg tendering his resignation from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Gibbs moved, and it was voted, to accept the resignation with regret.

Arthur B. Emmons was elected President and D. B. Fearing Vice-President.

The following persons were elected Directors:

Robert S. Barker,	William P. Sheffield,
Theodore K Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George G. King,	Frederick Tompkins,
Stephen B. Luce,	Charles E. Hammett, Jr.,
J. Fred Pierson,	W. Watts Sherman,
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	G. Norman Weaver,

Angus McLeod.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer at a Salary of \$50.

Charles E. Hammett, Jr., Secretary.

The tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar, provided for by the Charter for the purchase of books, is to be assessed on each share subject to assessment.

A letter from E. W. Bowker, asking for a framed pen and ink drawing by his uncle, which is now in the cellar of the Library, was read and his request granted.

Mr. Fearing moved, and it was voted, that the Book Committee be authorized to dispose of such duplicate books as they think advisable by sale, or exchange.

Resolutions on the death of the late President, Mr. Henry G. Marquand, drawn by Mr. G. G. King were read. It was voted that they be placed on the records and that a copy be sent to the family.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday August 20, 1902.

The year just passed marks a great step forward for the Library in the erection of a two story stack on the south side of the east room, corresponding to the steel stack on the north side erected eight years ago, the second story having been added two years later. This was made possible by the generous gift of five thousand dollars from the late George H. Norman. It was specified in the gift that part of the money should be used for a stack, and the remainder for uses contributing to the immediate usefulness of the Library. This addition means much more for the Library than might at first appear, as in some departments all the available space for growth was filled, and further additions could not be provided for without a rearrangement of the classification. The new stack will hold about twenty-five thousand volumes and will probably prove adequate to our needs for a number of years to come although perhaps nearly half of its capacity has been taken up by the books already in the wooden cases which have

been displaced by the new stack. The removal of all these volumes from the old cases and their rearrangement together with the rearrangement to a large extent of the whole stackroom has been a very arduous task, and has severely strained the strength of our Librarian as it of necessity devolved largely upon him personally. We may now congratulate ourselves upon having a stackroom which is roomy, convenient, well lighted and fully up to date.

The most difficult problem for us now to solve, as indicated in the Librarian's Report, is to provide for the new fiction. The present room devoted to fiction is more than full, and it has been necessary to place a number of the less called for books in the neighboring cases in the reading room. This necessity of dividing up the department of fiction is much to be deplored, but there seems to be no feasible way of enlarging the present room.

We have to record the loss by death of our President Henry G. Marquand, who for many years has been a constant and generous friend to the Library. The real interest that he felt in the Redwood Library is shown by the practical form which his benefactions took, as is instanced by the liberal contribution every year for many years for binding, the ordinary resources of the Library admitting of almost no allowance for this most necessary and important purpose; and also by his gift of Steven's "Fac-smiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America," the great cost of which would have precluded its purchase by the Library on its own account. He has filled the position of President since the death of our former President LeRoy King in 1895, and has been a director of the Library since 1878.

The growth in the interest and in the use of the Library continues to be satisfactory.

The number of volumes in the Library in June of this year was by actual count 44,835.

The need of external repairs to fences and at many other points is much greater than our funds available for that purpose will justify our undertaking. Another most exigent need however is a fund applicable to binding, that never ending necessity in every well conducted library.

Reference is made to the reports herewith of the Librarian and Treasurer for the full details in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors.

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

Vice-President.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenæum. Cr.

1901.			1902.		
Aug. 15.	To balance from Former Account:		Aug. 2.	By Payments:	\$3,908 17
	Binding Account,	\$150 75 }	" 3.	Incidental Account,	1,401 43
	Incidental Account,	128 41 }	" 4.	Book Account,	297 10
	Amount received from 167 Taxes,		" 1.	Binding Account,	\$4,816 70
	" " " Subscriptions,			Deposited in Industrial Trust Co.	
	" " " Fines,			Geo. H. Norman Fund,	4,500 00
	Interest received on Bonds, Book Fund,			For Shelving, from Norman Fund,	3,475 00
	" " " " Incidental Fund,			Payment on Geo. H. Norman, Book	
	Dividends from Savings Bank of Newport			Account,	465 08
	as follows:			By Balance to credit Geo. H. Nor-	
	John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$175 00		man Book Account,	34 92
	William S. Rogers, " "	18 00		By Balance to credit Incidental	
	George G. King, " "	85 00		Account,	377 89 }
	Robert Rogers, " "	25 00		Less deficiency Binding Account,	21 86 }
	David King, " "	70 00		By Balance to credit Book Account,	387 20
	Gen. Geo. W. Cullum, " "	70 00			\$9,168 24
	William G. Weld Expense Fund,	85 00			
	John Roy King, " "	35 00			
	William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund,	58 08			
	George W. Gibbs, General " "	105 00			
	Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	350 00			
	Special Preferred Share Fund,	49 20			
	Current Expense Fund,	63 26			
	Interest from Industrial Trust Co.,				
	" " O. R. E. Peil Fund,	80 00			
	" " M. M. Anderson " "	20 00			
	Premium received on called Houston				
	& Texas R. R. Bond,				
	Cash for Sale of 9 shares Union Pacific	100 00			
	R. R. Stock,				
	Credited to Book Account,				
	Bequest from Geo. H. Norman for Inci-	407 63			
	dental Expense,	407 64			
	Bequest from George H. Norman for				
	Books,	4,500 00 }			
	Cash from A. B. Emmons for Binding,	500 00 }			
	Gift from Hon. Geo. P. Wetmore,	5,000 00			
	Cash from Miss Susan Travers Life	34 50			
	Membership,	100 00			
	* Cash Withdrawn from Norman Fund	100 00			
	for Shelving,	3,475 00			
	Interest on Deposits,	18 94			
		\$13,984 94			\$13,984 94

I have this day examined the above accounts, and find the same to be correct, with satisfactory vouchers for payments.
 Wm. P. Buffum, Auditor.
 Newport, R. I., Aug. 28, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS P. PECKHAM, TREASURER.

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MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED FUNDS.

Aug. 1902.

Deposits in Savings Bank of Newport :	
John Carter Brown Book Fund,	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund,	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund,	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund,	1,000 00
David King Book Fund,	2,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum, Book Fund,	2,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund,	654 34
George H. Calvert Special Fund,	144 30
William H. Potter, Incidental Expense Fund,	1,688 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement, Fund,	275 09
LeRoy King General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
W. G. Weld General Expense Fund,	1,000 00
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund,	3,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	10,000 00
Current Expense Fund,	1,522 11
Special Preferred Share Fund,	1,406 29
Catalogue Printing Fund,	176 49
Deposits in Industrial Trust Company:	
Martha M. Anderson Fund,	1,000 00
Orleana R. E. Pell Fund,	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund,	1,025 00
David King Fund, (Book,)	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bonds Houston & Texas R. R. 6% David King Book Fund,	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., 4%, Littlefield Book Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Lehigh Valley R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, R. R. 5%, Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund,	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Lehigh Valley R. R. 5% H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	1,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 5% H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
2 Mortgage Bonds Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, H. R. A. Carey Book Fund,	2,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Central R. R. of New Jersey 5%, Will- iam H. Potter Fund,	1,000 00

2	Nortgage Bonds St. Louis, Iron Mountain & So. R. S.	
	5%,	2,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ter-	
	minal 5%,	3,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia	
	R. R. 5%,	2,000 00
2	Mortgage Bonds Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5%	2,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Burlington & Cedar Rapids & North-	
	ern R. R. 5%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. 4%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R.	
	6%,	1,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R.	
	4%,	1,000 00
3	Mortgage Bonds Newport & Wickford R. R. & St. Co.	
	5%,	3,000 00
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		\$67,891 87

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,
Treasurer.

I have this day examined the above Memorandum of Invested Funds, Compared the same with the Securities, and find it to be correct.

WILLIAM P. BUFFUM,
Auditing Committee.

Librarian's Report.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the twentieth annual report of the librarian on the condition of the library, with statistics, for the year 1901-1902.

During this library year the number of volumes added to the library is 1,236, which is 171 volumes more than the additions of the previous year. Of this number 673 volumes were bought, and 563 volumes were given. The donation number includes 194 volumes of sheep-bound government publications, and 14 volumes of Departmental publications, from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents. From various Departments of the Government, other than those included in the shipments from the Superintendent of Documents, we have received 19 volumes. The number of works of fiction purchased is 108—about 17 per cent of the whole purchase.

In the report for 1901 the whole number of volumes in the library was given as 48,696, but it was stated that these figures were based on the yearly accessions for many years past, and that as no account had recently been taken of books removed as duplicates or worn out and not replaced, the number given was probably in excess of the actual number of volumes on the shelves. Last June a count was made of the whole library (exclusive of pamphlets) and the result showed the correctness of the surmise made in the last report. The whole number of volumes in the library at the present time is 44,835. At the time the count was made (June 16) the leading Departments were represented by the number of volumes as follows: Theology and Ecclesiastical history 2,431; Biography 2,535; His-

tory 4,291; Geography and Travels, 2,565; Social sciences 2,842; Sciences 2,442; General Literature (exclusive of fiction) 3,483; Fiction 4,145.

The number of pamphlets received this year is 261; of odd numbers of periodicals 76; and of continuations 58. The library has also received 135 topographic sheets from the U. S. Geological Survey.

During the later part of 1901 the five thousand dollars left to the library by the late George H. Norman became available for use. With the advice and consent of Mr. George H. Norman, Jr., the larger part of this sum was expended in the construction of a new book stack. From the balance five hundred dollars was set aside for the purchase of certain books of reference, for which it was not advisable to use the income of our regular book fund. Most of this sum has now been expended, and the reference department of the library has been enriched by a number of bibliographies, special dictionaries, and other works of reference useful to students.

The more noteworthy donations of the year comprise: Hamy's *Galerie Américaine du Trocadéro*, the Tonalmatl of the Aubin collection the *Codex Fejérvary-Mayer*, and *Monographs on Education*, from George L. Rives; another copy, of the *Codex Fejérvary-Mayer* from His Excellency the Luc de Loubat; forty volumes of medical works, from Dr. E. S. F. Arnold, and a copy of "An inquiry concerning the future state of those who die in their sins," by Samuel Hopkins, Newport, Solomon Southwick, 1783, from J. J. Townsend.

Early in June the Directors amended the rule regarding the number of new books which might be taken out by one individual. Hitherto everyone had the privilege of having out at once three new books. This was found to be greatly to the disadvantage of many borrowers, inasmuch as six persons, for example, each taking out three new novels, would practically exhaust the stock on the

shelves, obviously to the disappointment and annoyance of those who came after. Much complaint was made that there were "no new books on the shelves," or that the new books were "always out"; and this notwithstanding the fact that purchases were constantly made of all the best new publications. The new rule allows each borrower to have out three books at a time, and of this number. one may be a seven day, and one a fourteen day, book; but more than two new books, as above mentioned, to any one person at a time, is not permitted. At first, as was to be expected, the new rule was productive of some complaint, but as the borrowers find many more new books on the shelves from which to choose, they are beginning to see the advantages of the restriction.

The number of books issued for home use this year is 15,958, which is less by 1928 volumes than the number for last year. The monthly record of circulation, kept in the library, shows that the reduction is general throughout the year, and is not dependent on the conditions obtaining at any given time.

Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, reports that she has catalogued 1633 volumes since last September. This is 56 volumes more than last year. In consequence of the erection of the new stack last spring, and the time necessarily given to superintending the removal and replacement of the books, the librarian was unable to give any time to the preparation of the Thayer collection for cataloguing. Consequently this collection, and one or two smaller ones, are still uncatalogued.

During the past year 128 volumes have been bound and 42 rebound, only five periodicals being included in the list. The thanks of the Corporation are due to Mr. A. B. Emmons for bearing the cost of the binding of twenty-three volumes of *The Nation*. One of the most urgent needs of the library is for a large sum of money for binding. We have on our shelves over 1,000 volumes of current periodicals

By the generosity of the Hon. George P. Wetmore the library has received the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of carrying on the work of making a "shelf-list," the beginning of which was chronicled in last year's report.

Mr. George C. Mason, Jr., has given to the library three old business receipts bearing the autograph signature of Abraham Redwood.

Last September Miss Catherine C. Friend was appointed chief clerk of the library. Miss Friend's previous acquaintance with the library, in consequence of her employment, for several years past, as extra assistant during the summer months, renders this appointment a very advantageous one for the library. Her administration since she took charge has proved highly satisfactory.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken, 1901.

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| <p>Academy,
 American anthropologist,
 American historical review.
 American journal of archæology,
 American journal of science,
 American monthly,
 American naturalist,
 Annals of American Academy,
 <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Antiquary.
 Architectural record.
 Army and Navy journal.
 Association review. <i>From F. W.</i>
 <i>Booth.</i>
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Bibliographie de la France.
 Blackwood's magazine.
 Book notes, <i>From S. S. Rider.</i>
 Bookbuyer.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Brown Alumni monthly, <i>From</i>
 <i>Brown University.</i>
 Bulletin American Geographical
 Society, <i>From D. B. Fearing.</i>
 Bulletin of the Department of
 Labor. <i>From the U. S. De-</i>
 <i>partment of Labor.</i>
 Catalogue U. S. Government pub-
 lications. <i>From the Superin-</i>
 <i>tendent of Documents.</i>
 Century.
 Chamber's journal.
 Charities.
 Christian register. <i>From the</i>
 <i>Publisher.</i>
 Littell's living age,</p> | <p>Churchman. <i>Gift.</i>
 Cloyne magazine. <i>From O. W.</i>
 <i>Huntington.</i>
 Columbia University quarterly.
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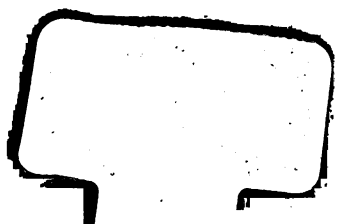
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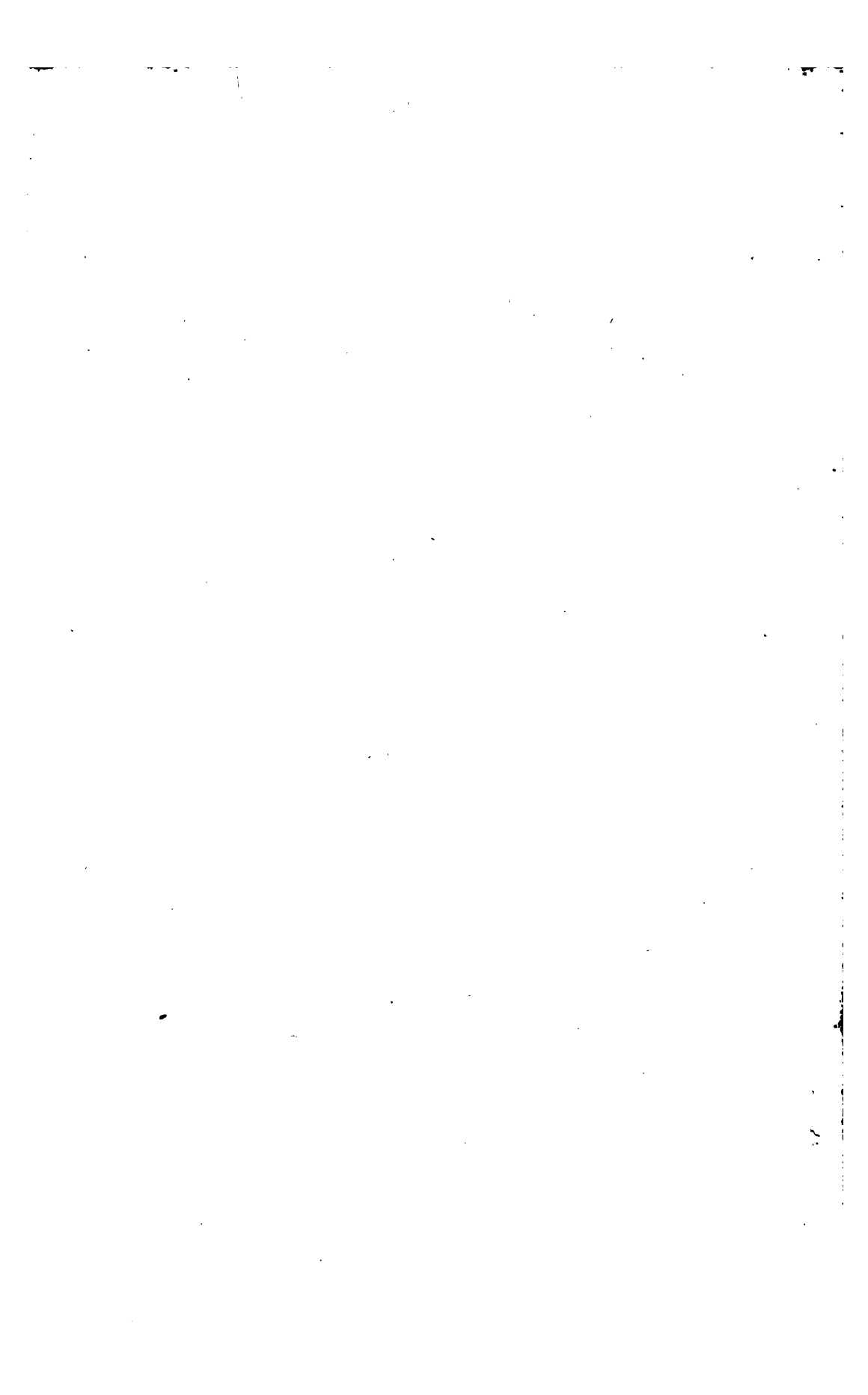
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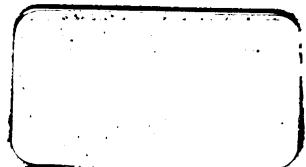






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*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the
city of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*



One Hundred and Seventy-Third

Annual Report

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OF THE

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Newport, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS

Submitted Wednesday, August 19, 1903

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One Hundred and Seventy-Third
Annual Meeting of the Company
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum

Wednesday, August 19, 1903

The one hundred and seventy-third Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 19, 1903, at three o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Admiral Stephen B. Luce was called to the chair, a quorum of Shareholders in person and by proxy being present. The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Report of the Directors to the Stockholders was read by the Secretary. The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer were read, and upon motion of William P. Sheffield, Jr. it was voted that five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such other matter as is usual, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: Henry A. Curtis, Helen Ellis, William H. Lawton, John C.

Whitridge, Mrs. Ellen Cottrell, Mrs. Julia W. Emmons, Rosa Anne Grosvenor, Mrs. Annie Staigg, James T. Wright.

The following officers were then elected :

President, Arthur B. Emmons.

Vice-President, Daniel B. Fearing.

Secretary, Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Treasurer, Thomas P. Peckham.

Directors :—

William P. Buffum,
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William P. Sheffield,

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Hamilton B. Tompkins,
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J. Fred Pierson,
W. Watts Sherman,
G. Norman Weaver.

Upon motion it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

H. Audley Clarke and Jeremiah W. Horton were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

Secretary

Annual Report of the Directors

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenaeum

To the Stockholders

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 19, 1903.

We have again to record the loss by death of one of our officers, Charles E. Hammett, Jr., having been taken away soon after his reelection to the office of Secretary. His pleasant manner and genial smile will long be missed in the walks in which he has been so long known. He was elected a Director and Secretary of the Library in 1899.

After a long and careful consideration of the subject the Financial Committee made a report last autumn recommending that some of the large amount of funds on deposit in the Newport Savings Bank be invested in safe interest bearing securities. This change was soon after made to the extent of some twenty-six thousand dollars, the details of which will be seen on reference to the Treasurer's report.

The bequest of five thousand dollars from the Estate of the late John Nicholas Brown to be paid at the expiration of three years has recently been received. This bequest is restricted to the purchase of books.

Under the will of the late George W. Wales the Library has received a legacy of five hundred dollars. He also bequeathed to the Library two fine marble busts of Dante and Petrarch which with their handsome breccia marble pedestals have been placed in the Reading Room. They are so well suited to the position which they occupy that they make a most desirable acquisition. This has been especially fortunate as of late

years the Directors have been obliged to discourage the further acquisition of works of art, the growth of the Library and the filling up of the Stack Room having rendered it impossible to properly dispose of those already in its possession, and what can be done with many of them is growing to be a serious question.

We are indebted to the generosity of Mr. George Gordon King for the gift of one hundred dollars and to Messrs. George Peabody Wetmore and W. Watts Sherman for the gift of fifty dollars each to be used in the purchase of books of reference. This was a most timely and acceptable assistance in that department.

The patronage of the Library has increased to such an extent that it was found expedient to have a permanent second assistant and we have been fortunate in being able to secure the services of Miss Gosling who had already had nine years' experience in our service. It has long been the practice of the Library to have a second assistant during the busier months of the year, but under this arrangement the work of the Library was liable to be seriously crippled at other times through the enforced absence of either the Librarian or assistant on account of illness or other cause.

Our running expenses always uncomfortably heavy in proportion to our means applicable to that purpose have been considerably increased the past year by the increased cost of coal due to the strike.

The circulation of books compared with that of last year has fallen off slightly and the increase in the number of books acquired by purchase and gift is also somewhat less than in that year.

Reference is made to the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer herewith for the full details in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
President.

Memorandum of Funds.

John Carter Brown Book Fund	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund	1,000 00
David King Book Fund	4,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund	5,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund	677 41
John Nicholas Brown Book Fund	5,000 00
Littlefield Book Fund	1,000 00
H. R. A. Carey Book Fund	5,000 00
George H. Calvert Special Fund	149 37
William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund	2,688 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund	284 78
LeRoy King General Expense Fund	1,000 00
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund	3,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund	10,000 00
Special Preferred Share Fund	1,606 29
Catalogue Printing Fund	182 70
Martha M. Anderson Fund	1,000 00
Orleana R. E. Pell Fund	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund	1,025 00
Current Expense Fund	17,522 11
W. G. Weld General Expense Account	1,000 00
	\$73,135 91

Memorandum of Investments.

Deposited in the Savings Bank of Newport	\$8,982 51
" " Industrial Trust Company	5,257 15
" " Newport Trust Co., Certificate of Deposit	5000 00
Newport & Wickford R. R. & Steamboat Co. 5% Gold, 1921	3,000 00
Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal Gold 5% 1914	3,000 00
East Tennessee Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5% Con. Gold 1956	2,000 00
Milwaukee Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% 1st Con. Gold 1921	1,000 00
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 1st Con. Gold 5% 1939	2,000 00
St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. Gen. Con. 5% Gold 1931	2,000 00
Lehigh Valley R. R. Terminal 1st 5% Gold 1941	3,000 00
Houston & Texas R. R. 6% Gold Con. Mort. 1912	1,000 00
Central R. R. of N. J. 5% Gold Genl. Mort. 1987	3,000 00
Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co. 4% Gold Con. Mort. 1937	2,000 00
Burlington Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 1st Con. 1906	1,000 00
Chicago West Michigan R. R. 5% Mort. 1921	2,000 00
Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 1st Con. 1922	1,000 00
Denver & Rio Grande R. R. 1st Con. 4% Gold 1936	
\$10,000 Cost	10,112 50
Union Pacific R. R. 1st M. 4% Gold 1947 \$7,000 Cost	7,358 75
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 3½% Gold 1925 \$10,000 Cost	9,425 00
St. Paul Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%	1,000 00
	\$73,135 91

Librarian's Report

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith the twenty-first Annual Report of the Librarian on the condition of the Library, with statistics for the year 1902-1903.

During the present library year the accessions of books, both by purchase and donation, have been notably less than during the year before. This year the number of books purchased is 487 volumes, which is 186 less than the purchases in 1901-1902; and the number of books received by donation is 421 volumes, or 142 volumes less than the gifts during the previous year. Together these make the total number of books added to the library this year 908, or 368 volumes less than the additions of the year before. Thirty-three worn-out volumes—chiefly novels—have been removed from the shelves and probably will not need to be replaced. About an equal number of novels, too dilapidated for circulation, have been taken from the shelves, but these being either standard works or novels in constant demand, will have to be replaced. Of the books given 127 volumes are sheep-bound government publications from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents, and eighty volumes, with thirty-six atlas folios of maps, being the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, are the gift of Mrs. Theodore K. Gibbs. Among the other gifts special mention should be made of a set of Lavater's works with illustrations by Holloway in five quarto volumes, from Mr. T. M. Davis. Dr. Seler's elucidation of the Codex Vaticanus 3373, from His Excellency the Duc de Loubat, seventeen volumes on angling from D. B. Fearing, a like number of scientific works from

Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, and a small collection of modern books on history and travel from Miss Martha C. Codman. The names of other donors to the library will be found in the "List of Donors" at the end of this report. Besides the gifts of pamphlets and periodicals, the number of which is shown in the subjoined table, the library has received from the U. S. Geological Survey thirteen atlas folios of maps and 183 topographic map sheets. The number of volumes of fiction purchased is 123, very nearly the same number as last year.

The following summary in tabular form shows the growth of the library in the fiscal year now closed:

No. of Volumes in the Library August 20, 1902,	44,835
No. of Volumes added by purchase,	487
No. of Volumes added by gift,	421
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Volumes retired from circulation,	45,743
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Total in the Library August 19, 1903,	45,710
Pamphlets added,	285
Odd numbers of Periodicals added,	174
Continuations,	39

The number of books issued for home use during the year is 15,634, which is 324 volumes less than the number issued during the previous year. Considered by subjects the diminution has been mainly in biography, history, science, and particularly in periodicals, both as to bound volumes and single numbers. The use of books of reference is about the same from year to year. The proportion of fiction issued is seventy-one per cent. Last year it was sixty-nine per cent.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903
12121	11544	13291	13404	14501	15422	16557	17703	17886	15958	15634

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

Philosophy,	61
Religion, Theology, Ecclesiastical History, . .	164
Biography,	693
History,	583
Geography, Description, Travels,	385
Political and Social Science, Education, Law, .	176
Physical and Natural Science,	200
Useful Arts, Sports, Military and Naval Arts, .	96
Theatre; Music,	46
Fine Arts,	153
Literature, (Gen. Works, Essays, Letters, etc.)	464
Periodicals, (bound volumes)	45
Periodicals, (numbers)	1,130
Fiction,	11,179
Poetry, Drama,	147
Literary History, Bibliography,	96
Language,	14
Miscellaneous,	2

The library is greatly indebted to Messrs. George Peabody Wetmore, William Watts Sherman, and George Gordon King for a contribution of two hundred dollars, given for the purchase of certain reference books, the cost of these books making it inadvisable to take this sum from our regular book funds. Thanks to the generosity of these gentlemen the library has been able to add to its shelves a number of reference books—such as the New International Encyclopedia, and the *Art de vérifier les dates*—which with several others, will prove to be of great value to readers and students.

Mrs. Bliss reports that she has catalogued 1,705 volumes this year, the number being seventy-two volumes more than last year. This cataloguing work includes not only the current purchases, and the gifts of public institutions and private donors, but the whole of the Thayer bequest which was received two years ago. With the exception of about a dozen

bound volumes and a small number of important single pamphlets no attempt has been made to catalogue the large collection of pamphlets which we have. This work cannot profitably be done until the pamphlets are either bound or arranged according to some system in which they shall be readily accessible. At present they are piled on shelves in the north wing of the East Room.

During the past year practically no binding has been done. About a half a dozen books have been repaired and a few paper-covered volumes bound—one of which was at the expense of one of our shareholders. The current periodicals, when the volumes are completed are tied up in bundles and stored on the shelves. In this way they become warped, accumulate dirt, and are extremely liable to be torn. A large number of our books are out of circulation owing to the fact that the covers or signatures are so loose that they cannot safely or properly be issued for reading. As stated in last year's report the library is in real need of at least of \$1,200 or \$1,400 for binding.

The Fiction Room still remains crowded and insufficiently lighted, and the reserve shelves in the Reading Room are now also full. The librarian sees, however, no remedy for this evil other than that suggested in last year's report.

Notwithstanding the work that has been done on the building, the roof—especially the roof of the Stack Room and of the Delivery Room—is not impervious to water in severe storms, and on several occasions some of the books have been injured by the dripping water. The ceiling of the Reading Room is badly disfigured by water soaking, and the plastering disintegrated in many places. The latter often falls to the floor or on the books in the gallery, in small fragments. The old building (the Delivery Room) needs new gutters—the present ones being utterly inadequate to carry off the water even in ordinary rains. Part of the overflow runs down the side of the building, staining the wood (and possibly rotting it), and works its way into the cellar under the foundation

stones. The wooden fence on the Redwood street frontage is thoroughly decayed, and, were it not for the trees on the inside, would long ago have fallen. The iron fence around the front of the grounds is rusting badly, and needs repainting. The board fence separating the rear portion of our lot from Mr. W. W. Tompkins' property is in a state of complete dilapidation. Mr. Tompkins has kindly offered to bear the expense of having a new one put up in its place.

Last January Miss A. E. Gosling—who was formerly connected with the library for many years as clerk—again joined the library staff in the same capacity, and in association with Miss Friend who has been with us several years—the increased use of the library making the employment of two clerks at the desk a necessity.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Donors to the Library

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| <p>American Colonization Society, 2 periodicals.</p> <p>American Free-trade League, 1 periodical.</p> <p>American-Irish Historical Society, 1 pph.</p> <p>Amherst College, 1 pph.</p> <p>Animal Rescue League, 1 pph.</p> <p>Anonymous, 1 vol., 7 pphs.</p> <p>Balch, T. W., 1 vol.</p> <p>Betton, Miss E., 1 vol.</p> <p>Biddle, Sara M., 1 vol.</p> <p>Black, W. J., 1 vol.</p> <p>Bliss, R., 1 vol., 1 pph.</p> <p>Booth, F. W., 3 periodicals.</p> <p>Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 4 pphs.</p> <p>Boston Port and Seaman's Aid Society, 1 pph.</p> <p>Brown University, 1 pph., 1 periodical.</p> <p>Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1 vol.</p> <p>Clarke & Baker, 1 pph.</p> <p>Clemm, W., 1 pph.</p> <p>Codman, Miss Martha C., 6 vols., 2 pphs., 2 periodicals.</p> <p>Cole, G. W., 1 pph.</p> <p>Columbia University, 3 periodicals.</p> <p>Corey, D. P., 1 vol.</p> <p>Davis, Theodore M., 5 vols.</p> <p>Depew, C. M., 1 pph.</p> <p>Emmons, A. B., 8 vols., 100 pphs., 10 periodicals.</p> <p>Essex Institute, 1 pph.</p> <p>Fairmount Park Art Association, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Farquhar, David, 1 vol.</p> <p>Fearing, D. B., 17 vols., 38 pphs., 19 periodicals.</p> <p>Fearing, Mrs. D. B., 1 vol.</p> <p>Frazier, Mrs. H. M., 1 vol.</p> | <p>Geological Survey of Canada, 2 vols. and maps.</p> <p>Gibbs, Mrs. T. K., 86 vols., 13 atlas folios, 22 atlas sheets.</p> <p>Gibbs, W., 17 vols., 8 pphs., 17 periodicals.</p> <p>Goodknight, J. L., 1 pph.</p> <p>Green, Dr. S. A., 1 vol., 2 pphs.</p> <p>Hammett, C. E., Jr., 1 vol.</p> <p>Harper & Brothers, 1 vol.</p> <p>Hart, S., 1 pph.</p> <p>Harvard University, 2 vols., 1 pph.</p> <p>Herrman, Oscar, 1 pph.</p> <p>Hillard, O. G., 7 pphs.</p> <p>Hills, W. S., 1 pph.</p> <p>Home for Aged Colored Women, 1 pph.</p> <p>Home Market Club, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Illinois Society Sons of Amer. Rev., 1 pph.</p> <p>Indian Rights Association, 1 pph.</p> <p>Interstate Commerce Commission, 1 vol.</p> <p>Kellen, W. V., 1 vol.</p> <p>Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference, 1 pph.</p> <p>Library of Congress, 1 vol., 11 pphs.</p> <p>Library of University of Vermont, 1 pph.</p> <p>Loubat, J. F. Florimond, <i>Duc de</i>, 2 vols., 1 pph.</p> <p>Mass. Bureau of Statistics of Labor, 1 vol.</p> <p>Mass. Institute of Technology, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Mass. Lodge of Free Masons, 2 pphs.</p> <p>Mass. Record Commission, 1 pph.</p> <p>Matthews, Albert, 2 pphs.</p> <p>McClelland, Rev. T. C., 108 periodicals.</p> <p>McClure, Phillips & Co., 1 vol.</p> |
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- Meenan, Rev. W. B., 1 vol.
 Merchants' Association of New York, 1 pph.
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1 pph.
 Michigan State Board of Health, 1 vol., 7 periodicals.
 Nation, The (N. Y.), 1 pph.
 New England Society of New York, 1 pph.
 Newport Charity Organization Society, 1 pph.
 Newport Hospital, 1 pph.
 Newport School Committee, 1 pph.
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 2 vols.
 New York State Library, 7 vols., 7 pphs.
 New York State Museum, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Norton, Charles D., 1 vol.
 Ohio State Archaeol. and Historical Society, 1 pph., 5 periodicals.
 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Free Masons, 1 vol.
 Pennsylvania Prison Society, 1 periodical.
 Perkins Institute, 1 pph.
 Philippine Civil Service Board, 1 pph.
 Potter, Mrs. Edward T., 9 vols.
 Powel, Mrs. Samuel, 2 vols.
 Providence Record Commissioners, 1 vol.
 R. I. Board of State Charities and Corrections, 1 pph.
 R. I. Historical Society, 2 pphs.
 R. I. School of Design, 1 pph.
 R. I. Secretary of State, 3 vols.
 R. I. Society Sons of the American Revolution, 1 vol.
 Rice, Franklin P., 1 pph.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 5 pphs.
 Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
 Shakespeare Society of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Sherman, Mrs. Albert K., 2 vols.
 Simmons College, 1 pph.
 Smithsonian Institution, 2 vols.
 Storer, Dr. H. R., 2 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Tompkins, H. B., 2 vols.
 Trenton Free Public Library, 1 pph.
 University of Chicago, 1 pph.
 University of Illinois, 3 pphs., 2 periodicals.
 University of New York, 5 vols.
 U. S. Bureau of Education, 3 vols., 1 pph.
 U. S. Bureau of Pensions, 1 vol.
 U. S. Census Office, 2 pphs.
 U. S. Civil Service Commission, 2 vols.
 U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol.
 U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, 14 periodicals.
 U. S. Department of the Interior, 1 vol., 1 pph., map.
 U. S. Department of Labor, 3 vols.
 U. S. Geological Survey, 13 atlas folios, 183 topographic sheets.
 U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 pph., Broadside.
 U. S. Navy Department, 1 vol.
 U. S. Patent Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. Supt. of Documents, 180 vols., 15 pphs.
 U. S. Treasury Department, 3 vols.
 U. S. War Department, 1 vol.
 Vose, R. C., 1 pph.
 Welsh, Herbert, 2 pphs.
 Wetmore, G. P., 4 vols.
 Wickes, Mrs. E. A., 3 vols.
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.
 Yale University, 1 vol., 1 pph.

Library Publications from the following Libraries have been received

REPORTS.

Boston Public Library,
Bronson Library,
Brooklyn Public Library,
Cambridge Public Library,
Carnegie Free Library (Allegheny),
Chicago Public Library,
City of Westminster (London),
Concord Public Library,
Dayton Public Library,
Enoch Pratt Free Library,
Fall River Public Library,
Forbes Library,
Friends Free Library,
Gen. Theological Library (Boston),
Harvard College Library,
Jersey City Public Library,
Lawrence Public Library,
Milwaukee Free Library,
Newark Free Library,
New Bedford Public Library,
Newton Library,
New York Mercantile Association,
Oberlin College Library,
Otis Library, (Norwich),
Peabody Institute (Baltimore),
Peabody Institute (Danvers),
Philadelphia City Institute,
Philadelphia Free Library,

Portland (Or.) Library Association,
Providence Public Library,
St. Louis Mercantile Library,
St. Louis Public Library,
Salem Public Library,
Taunton Public Library,
Worcester Free Library,
Yale College Library.

BULLETINS.

Boston Public Library,
Brooklyn Public Library,
Chicago Public Library,
Cincinnati Public Library,
Concord Public Library,
Fitchburg Public Library,
Helena Public Library,
Jersey City Public Library,
Lawrence Public Library,
New Orleans Public Library,
New York Mercantile Association,
New York State Library,
Otis Library,
Philadelphia Library Co.
Pratt Institute Free Library,
Providence Public Library,
St. Louis Public Library,
San Francisco Public Library,
Warren Co. (Ill.) Library.

List of Proprietors

IST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.
Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share		Share
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Lorrillard, Louis L.	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K., Estate,	1	McLeod, Angus	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs. H. B. Lyman)	1	Malcolm, Rev. C. H., Estate,	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	Marquand, Henry G., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Cooke, Henry Williams,	1	Norman, George H. Estate,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cottrell, Mrs. Ellen,	1	Perry, Gardner B., Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Pierson, J. Frederick	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Powel Samuel, Estate,	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Emmons, Mrs. Julia W.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sherman, Mrs. Elizabeth (N. Y.)	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Spooner, George	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Smith, Howard, Estate,	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Staigg, Mrs. Annie	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M. Thompson),	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Grosvenor, Rosa A.	1	Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Hazard, James L., Estate,	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Home, Robert S. Estate,	1	Thaw, Benjamin	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
King, Peter,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody,	1
		Wetmore, William B.	2
		Willet, Edward M. Estate,	1

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(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Allan, Erastus P.	1	Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1
Almon, Andrew B.	1	Crandall, Carrie W.	1
Arnold, Dr. Fred A.	1	Curtis, Henry A.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Denniston, George, Estate,	1
Bancroft, John C., Estate,	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Barker Ralph R.	1	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate	1
Barker, Robert S., Estate,	2	Dunn, Thomas	1
Birkhead, Dr. James	1	Dyer, Herbert L.	1
Bispham, G. T. et. al. Trustees,	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Ellery, Anna M.	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Ellis, Helen	1
Bradley, Frederick	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brown, John C., Estate,	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Brownell, Lucy P.	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Foster, Fanny	2
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Franklin, Robert M.	1
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.,	
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Estate,	4
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Chase, William Henry	1	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Clarke, H. Audley	4	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Clarke, Mrs. William P.	1	Gillen, Charles A.	1
Coggeshall, Dr. Henry	1	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Coggeshall, Mrs. Jeanne B.	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Cornell, Ellen	1	Greene, William Brenton	1
Cottrell, Michael; Estate,	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Covell, William W.	1	Hall, George, Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H., Estate,	1	Hammett, Chas. E., Jr., Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2	Hammett, James H., Estate,	1

Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1	Newton, Edward, Estate,	1
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Newton, Caroline	1
Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross),	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Peckham, Antoinette S.	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Peckham, Henry S., Estate,	2
Hazard, John A., Estate (of T. G.),	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden, Estate,	1
Honey, Samuel R.	2	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Pierson, J. Fred.	3
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Pinniger, David T.	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, Clarence, Estate,	1	Powel, John Hare	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Powel, Samuel, Jr., Estate,	1
King, Mrs. Ella Rives	1	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
King, George Gordon	4	Richards, Benjamin H.	1
King, Mrs. Mary A.	3	Richardson, John D., Estate	1
Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings	1	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Ladd, Mrs. Carrie V.	1	Rider, Philip	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Lawton, George, Estate,	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Lawton, William H.	1	Sherman, Dr. William S.	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Simmons, Eliza P.	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Smith, Mary I. and Elizabeth B.	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Spencer, Edward L.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Spencer, Lorillard	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C. Estate,	1	Spooner, George	2
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Stevens, Mrs. Martha A.	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Stevens, William, Estate,	7
Mason, Ellen F.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Mason, Ida M.	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Mauran, James E., Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Newport Hospital,	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Newton, Dudley	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
		Tilley, Risbrough H.	4
		Tilton, Frederick W.	1

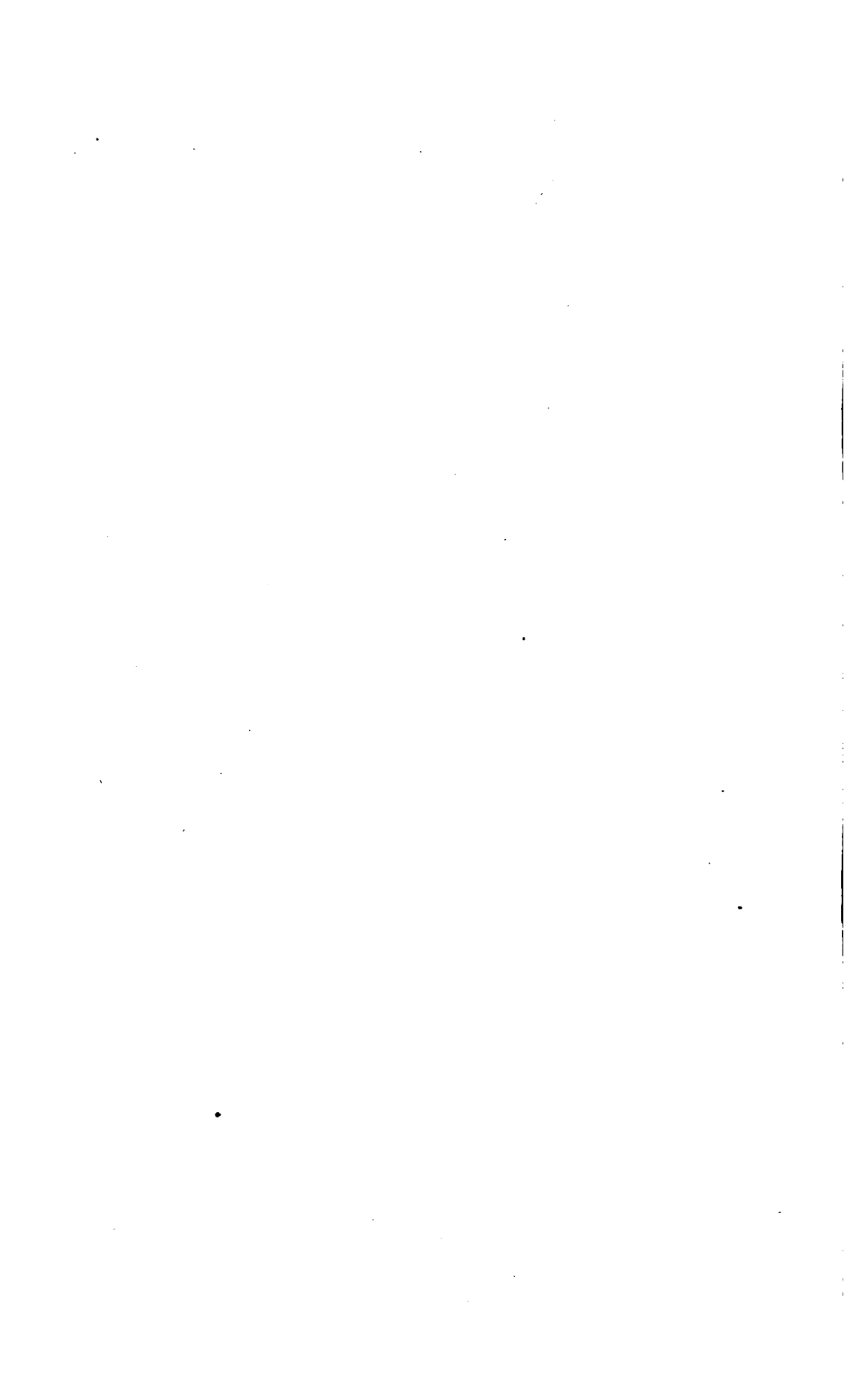
Tompkins, Frederick	I	Wetmore, William B.	2
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	I	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	I
Tuckerman, Alfred	I	White, Catherine	I
Underwood, William J.	I	Whitridge, John C.	I
Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	I	Wilbour, Mary A.	I
Vaughn, George H.	I	Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	I
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	I	Wilks, Nina M.	I
Ward, F. Augustus	I	Willard, Elisha W.	I
Ward, Henry N., Estate,	I	Wilson, J. Hazard	I
Weaver, George Norman	I	Woolsey, Theodora W.	I
Weaver, John G., Estate,	I	Wright, James T.	I
Weld, William G., Estate,	I		

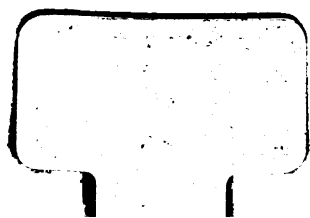
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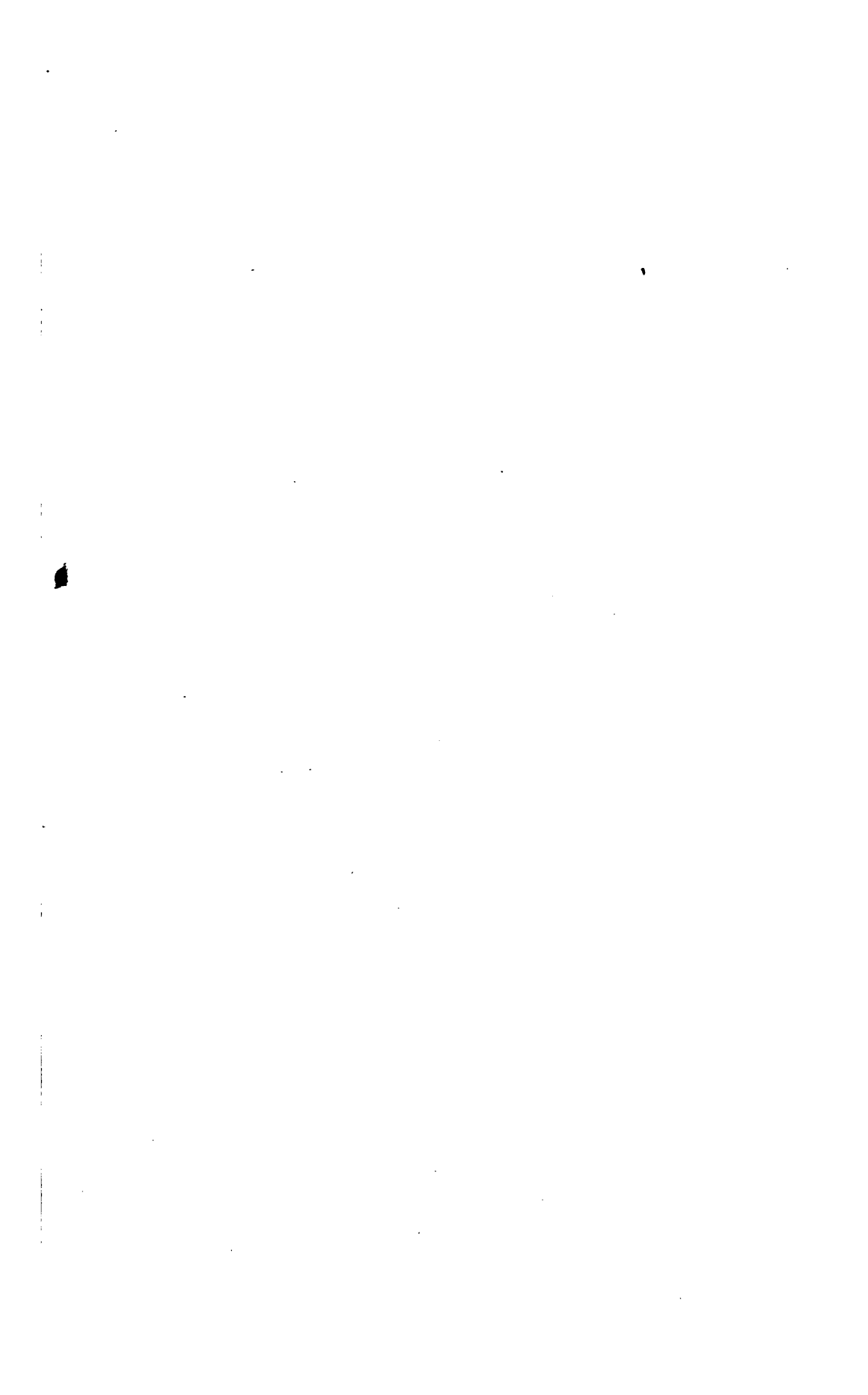
At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24, 1879, it was *Voted*, that all who have in the past, or who may hereafter pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchess de
Dunn, Thomas
Gibbs, Theodore K.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederick
King, Mrs. Edward
King, George Gordon
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry

Mason, Ellen F.
Mason, Ida M.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pierson, J. Fred.
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Sheldon, Frederick
Stevens, Frederick W.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Travers, Susan
Ward, Henry Galbraith
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, Joseph









FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the
City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*

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One Hundred and Seventy-Fourth

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum

NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS

Submitted Tuesday, August 23, 1904

NEWPORT, R. I.
WARD PRINTING COMPANY
1904



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Redwood Library & Athenæum
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1904-1905

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RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

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GEORGE G. KING, DANIEL B. FEARING,
 WILLIAM P. BUFFUM.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

G. NORMAN WEAVER, J. FRED PIERSON.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, G. NORMAN WEAVER.

ON REPAIRS AND EXPENDITURES.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
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One Hundred and Seventy-Fourth
Annual Meeting of the Company
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenaeum

Tuesday, August 23, 1904

The one hundred and seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Tuesday, August 23, 1904, at three o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Admiral Stephen B. Luce was called to the chair, a quorum of Shareholders in person and by proxy being present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Report of the Directors to the Shareholders was read by the Secretary. The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer were read, and upon motion of George Gordon King it was voted that five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such other matter as is usual, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: Ellen Chase, Mrs. Florence Howland, Mrs. William S. Sherman, Mrs. Martha Godbold, Cornelius S. Martin.

The following officers were then elected:

President, Arthur B. Emmons.

Vice-President, Daniel B. Fearing.

Secretary, Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Treasurer, Thomas P. Peckham.

Directors:—

William P. Buffum,

Theodore K. Gibbs,

George G. King,

Stephen B. Luce,

Angus McLeod,

J. Fred Pierson,

William P. Sheffield,

William P. Sheffield, Jr.,

W. Watts Sherman,

Frederick Tompkins,

Hamilton B. Tompkins,

G. Norman Weaver.

Upon motion it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

H. Audley Clarke and Jeremiah W. Horton were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

Secretary.

Annual Report of the Directors

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum

August 15, 1904

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 17, 1904.

During the past year the Library has received a bequest of two thousand dollars under the will of the late Miss Mary LeRoy King.

The old wooden fence on the Redwood street side of the library grounds, having become too decayed to stand, was torn down during the winter. A new iron fence, similar to the one on the Bellevue Avenue front, has been put up in its place. The cost of this new fence, together with the repainting of the old one, has most generously been contributed by Mr. George Gordon King. Mr. W. W. Tompkins has paid for the erection of a new board fence on the south side of the Library.

Once more the Directors are obliged to call attention to the pressing needs of the Library. Last year your Librarian in his report made the following statement:

"Notwithstanding the work that has been done on the building, the roof—especially the roof of the Stack Room and of the Delivery Room—is not impervious to water in severe storms, and on several occasions some of the books have been

injured by the dripping water. The ceiling of the Reading Room is badly disfigured by water soaking, and the plastering disintegrated in many places. The latter often falls to the floor or on the books in the gallery, in small fragments. The old building (the Delivery Room) needs new gutters, the present ones being utterly inadequate to carry off the water even in ordinary rains. Part of the overflow runs down the side of the building, staining the wood (and possibly rotting it), and works its way into the cellar under the foundation stones."

These repairs are more urgently needed now than when your attention was called to them last year. The ceiling of the Reading Room in particular needs immediate attention.

Each year it becomes more necessary that room should be provided for the proper storing of newspapers and large illustrated papers. At present they are tied up in bundles and stowed away wherever they can be put. This makes it very difficult and almost impossible to refer to any back numbers.

The need of more room for fiction becomes more pronounced each year.

If, as was suggested some years ago, the cellar could be made waterproof, and thus dryer than it now is, this part of the Library could be fitted up for the storage of newspapers, periodicals and duplicates. Certain of the least consulted books might also be placed there, thus making a small amount of much needed room on the shelves above.

The running expenses of the Library continue to run very close to the amount we are able to apply to that purpose.

The Library urgently needs a bookbinding fund. The amount we are able to expend yearly for that purpose makes scarcely an impression on the number of books needing re-binding and the periodicals which should be bound, but which now are filed away in bundles.

The Library has received several large donations of books

during the year, notably valuable among which are those presented by Mrs. J. G. Post and Mrs. Harold Brown.

The circulation of books, compared with that of last year, has fallen off considerably, and the increase in the number of books by purchase is somewhat less than last year.

The donations have more than doubled in number.

The total number of volumes now in the library is 47,194. In spite of the larger accessions of books, the cataloging has kept pace with the increase, and this (including analysis) at the very low cost of a little over nine cents a volume. This is exceedingly low, as the usual rate in libraries of note varies from eighteen to thirty cents a volume. The thanks of the stockholders are most certainly due Mrs. Richard Bliss for the able and painstaking way she has carried out and is still carrying on this arduous work.

Undoubtedly it would prove advantageous to the Library if a concise history of the Library, showing its advantages and its needs, was printed and circulated amongst the friends of the Library, and particularly amongst the ever increasing number of summer residents in Newport.

Reference is made to the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer herewith for the full details in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on the behalf of the Directors,

DANIEL B. FEARING,

Vice-President.

Dr. Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account with the Redwood Library and Athenaeum. Cr.

<p>1893. Aug. 19.</p>	<p>To balance from former account : To credit of Incidental Account, " " Book Account, " " Special Reference Book Act., " " Geo. H. Norman Special Book Act., " Amount received from Subscriptions, " " " Books Fund, " Interest " " " Incidental Expense Fund " Interest received from Savings Bank of Newport as follows: George G. King Book Fund, Roger Rogers Book Fund, Robert C. Brown Book Fund, George W. Cullum Book Fund, William H. Potter Fund, William G. Weld Fund, Leroy King Fund,</p>	<p>\$138 46 592 18 150 44 745 00 410 30 44 30 921 44 1,523 76</p>
	<p>" Interest from Industrial Trust Co.: Special Preferred Share Fund, Martha M. Anderson Fund, George H. Norman Fund, Orlena R. E. Pell Fund, David King Book Fund,</p>	<p>9 28 40 00 41 00 80 00 40 00</p>
	<p>" from sale of Annual, " Interest from Newport Trust Co. on Deposit Account, " Interest from Newport Trust Co. on Certificate of Deposit John Nicholas Brown Book Fund, " Bequest from Miss Mary Le Roy King,</p>	<p>210 28 1 50 12 50 150 00 2,000 00 \$7,165 48</p>

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS P. PECKHAM,
We have this day examined the within accounts and find the same to be correct
with satisfactory vouchers for payments.
H. AUDLEY CLARKE,
J. W. HORTON.
AUGUST 17, 1904.

Memorandum of Funds.

John Carter Brown Book Fund.....	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund.....	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund.....	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund.....	1,000 00
David King Book Fund.....	4,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund.....	703 03
John Nicholas Brown Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Littlefield Book Fund.....	1,000 00
H. R. A. Carey Book Fund.....	5,000 00
George H. Calvert Special Fund.....	154 99
William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund.....	2,688 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund.....	295 53
Leroy King General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund.....	3,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund.....	10,000 00
Special Preferred Share Fund.....	1,606 29
Catalogue Printing Fund.....	189 58
Martha M. Anderson Fund.....	1,000 00
Orleana R. E. Pell Fund.....	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund.....	1,025 00
Current Expense Fund.....	17,522 11
W. G. Weld General Expense Account.....	1,000 00
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Memorandum of Investments.

Deposited in the Savings Bank of Newport.....	\$9,031 38
“ “ “ Industrial Trust Co.....	5,257 15
“ “ “ Newport Trust Co. Certificate of Deposit.....	5,000 00
Newport & Wickford R. R. & Steamboat Co. 5% Gold, 1921.....	3,000 00
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal Gold 5 % 1914.....	3,000 00
East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. 5% Con. Gold 1956.....	2,000 00
Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% 1st Con. Gold 1931.....	1,000 00
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 1st Gold 5% 1939.....	2,000 00
St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. Gen'l Con. 5% Gold 1931.....	2,000 00
Lehigh Valley R. R. Terminal 1st 5% Gold 1941.....	3,000 00
Houston & Texas R. R. 6% Gold Con. Mort. 1912.....	1,000 00
Central R. R. of N. J. 5% Gold Gen'l Mort. 1987.....	3,000 00
Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co. 4% Gold Con. Mort. 1937.....	2,000 00
Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 1st Con. 1906.....	1,000 00
Chicago, West Michigan R. R. 5% Mort. 1921.....	2,000 00
Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5% 1st Con. 1922.....	1,000 00
Denver & Rio Grande R. R. 1st Con. 4% Gold 1936, \$10,000 Cost.....	10,112 50
Union Pacific R. R. 1st Mort. 4% Gold 1947, \$7,000 Cost.....	7,358 75
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 3½% Gold 1925, \$10,000 Cost.....	9,425 00
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%.....	1,000 00
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We have this day examined the memorandum of invested funds, compared the same with the securities and find it to be correct.

H. AUDLEY CLARKE,
J. W. HORTON.

AUGUST 17, 1904.

Librarian's Report

To the Directors of the Redwood Library :

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor of submitting the twenty-second annual report of the Librarian on the condition of the Library, with statistics for the year 1903-1904.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year now closed is largely in excess of the number for the previous year. This, however, is owing to an increase in the number of donations, and not to an increase in our purchases, which are, in fact, 124 volumes less than the purchases for the year 1902-1903. Our record book shows that the gifts of the past year exceed those of the year before by 667 volumes, making the total number of volumes added to the Library 1,451, or 543 more volumes than were recorded in the previous report.

The donations of the year, in addition to 312 volumes of Government publications, 208 pamphlets of the Department of Agriculture from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents, and 12 atlas folios of maps from the U. S. Geological Survey, include several valuable collections from individuals. Special mention should be made of a collection of 142 volumes, comprising full sets of the writings of Fichte, Hegel, Kant, Schelling, and Ritter, and a number of miscellaneous works on philosophy, ethics, and allied subjects, from Mrs J. J. Post; a collection of the same number of volumes (142) of current modern literature, partly fiction, from Mrs. Harold Brown. Besides these the library is indebted to the heirs of David King for 87 volumes of early government publications, which have helped to fill our sets of Congressional documents,

and to The United Congregational Church for 66 volumes of old historical works. Smaller collections have been received from Mr. D. B. Fearing, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, and Mr. H. B. Tompkins. Mr. Fearing's gift is particularly noteworthy, since it contains a number of rare books on natural science and sport. The Library has also received during the year the publications of the Smithsonian Institution and the Field Columbian Museum, from these institutions, and the publications of the N. Y. State Library, the N. Y. State Museum, and the University of the State of New York, from the N. Y. State Library. The names of other donors will be found, with these, in the List of Donations at the end of this report.

The number of works of fiction purchased is 116, which is certainly not an excessive number. It is less by seven volumes than the number bought during the previous year.

The following summary in tabular form shows the growth of the Library in the fiscal year now closed:

No. of Volumes in the Library August 19, 1903.....	45,710
No. of Volumes added by purchase.....	363
No. of Volumes added by gift.....	1,088
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Total in the Library August 17, 1904.....	47,161
Pamphlets added.....	322
Odd numbers of Periodicals added.....	114
Continuations.....	68

The number of books issued during the year for home use is 14,765, which is 969 volumes less than were issued the year before. A glance at the subjoined table of comparative circulation shows that since 1901—up to last year—there has been a moderate diminution in the yearly issue of books for home use. This is probably owing to the regulation made at that time limiting the number of new books that might be had out at any given time, and not to a falling off in the number of borrowers. But the cause of the marked decrease in the circulation during last year is not so evident.

A comparison of tables shows that this reduction is mainly in fiction—in other departments the circulation is about the same as during the previous year. This year, however, the issue of novels was 1,177 less than during 1902-1903. It is instructive to note that the diminution in the circulation during the past four years shows that a large part of the borrowers desire new books, and, lacking them, they do not to any considerable extent resort to the older works in the Library. On the other hand, it should be noted that, as regards general circulation, the greater part of the borrowing is from the older books. The proportion of old to new books taken out is nearly two to one. The use of reference books has largely increased during the past year, though no record has been kept of the actual number of volumes issued.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
11544	13291	13404	14501	15422	16557	17703	17886	15958	15634	14765

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

Philosophy,	47
Religion, Theology, Ecclesiastical History,	102
Biography,	726
History,	539
Geography, Description, Travels,	518
Political and Social Science, Education, Law,	188
Physical and Natural Science,	157
Useful Arts, Sports, Military and Naval Arts,	72
Theatre, Music,	43
Fine Arts,	165
Literature (Gen. Works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	469
Periodicals (bound volumes),	91

Periodicals (numbers),	1,442
Fiction,	10,002
Poetry, Drama,	150
Literary History, Bibliography,	56
Language,	2
Miscellaneous,	4

The binding during the year has been nearly none—twenty-one volumes only of works in general demand have been rebound. As was pointed out in the report for last year, the Library needs a large sum of money to keep from injury our yet unbound periodicals, and to rebind the numerous books that have been taken from our shelves because the binding has broken and the sections become loose. For example, the library now has 250 volumes of foreign literature in paper covers which cannot be circulated until they are bound, and a number nearly as large of books once on the shelves, which are now set aside awaiting repair.

In the cataloguing department Mrs. Bliss reports that she has catalogued 1,680 volumes. This includes not only the accessions of current literature, but all special gifts except a few volumes of those most recently received. The average cost of cataloguing these books has been a little over nine cents a volume, and includes as full an analysis as is made in the large libraries of Harvard College and the Boston Athenæum. This cost is very much below the average rate for cataloguing work—most of the larger libraries paying more than twice as much per volume.

The rapid accumulation of weekly papers and illustrated journals is coming to make the question of their storage a serious one. The stack would afford room for the addition of books belonging to it for some time to come, were it not that nearly every portion of space left for growth is now occupied by large bundles of weekly papers. It does not seem likely that the Library will ever be in a position to bind

the files of such journals as the *Graphic*, the *Illustrated London News*, *Saturday Review*, *Spectator*, and other similar periodicals, consequently they must be stored in bundles. In fact, the Library needs a newspaper room where not only these periodicals, but files of some of the daily papers, may be kept, and where they can readily be found when wanted. At present most of these journals are distributed about the Stack Room and in the Directors' Room (which is filled to overflowing), to the annoyance of the Library assistants, who often have to look in half a dozen places before the desired volume is found. Shelves for these papers might readily be set up in the cellar, were that portion of the building light enough and dry enough, but, as it is at present, any periodical stored there would soon become injured by dampness.

It is very necessary to the quiet of the Reading Room that something should be devised to reduce the noise made by footfalls and by the dragging or shoving of the chairs across the floor whenever the occupant of any one of them changes his seat at the reading table. A sound-deadening covering to the floor would produce the desired result, but, in the absence of this, rubber tips on the legs of the chairs would obviate some of the disturbance.

The Librarian is very sorry to have to report that occasional unlawful abstraction of books from the shelves of the Library still takes place. Now that free access to the stack is restricted, the loss occurs almost wholly in the Fiction Room, which is necessarily open to the public. There has also occurred some mutilation of periodicals exposed in the Reading Room. Within a few weeks many pages of illustration and plates have been feloniously removed from recent numbers of our art periodicals. These periodicals were kept in the Reading Room on open shelves, and consequently were accessible to any one entitled to the use of that room. The mutilation has evidently been done by some one, or more, of our readers, and not by any of the casual visitors who come

to the Library sight-seeing, since these would lack opportunity for such extended theft.

In consequence of the apparent temptation offered by such publications as the illustrated art journals, and the unscrupulousness of one or more of the frequenters of the Library, the Librarian has deemed it expedient to remove from the open shelves of the Reading Room the current numbers of the art journals. These can now be had for reading upon application to the clerk at the desk.

RICHARD BLISS,
Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken 1903-04

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| <p>American anthropologist.
 American historical review.
 American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American monthly.
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy,
 <i>From</i> A. B. Emmons.
 Antiquary.
 Army and Navy journal.
 Association review. <i>From</i> F. W.
 Booth.
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Bibliographie de la France.
 Blackwood's magazine.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Brown Alumni monthly. <i>From</i>
 Brown University.
 Bulletin American Geographical
 Society. <i>From</i> D. B. Fearing.
 Bulletin of bibliography. <i>From</i>
 <i>the</i> Boston Book Co.
 Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor.
 <i>From the</i> U. S. Bureau of
 Labor.
 Catalogue U. S. Public Docu-
 ments. <i>From the</i> Supt. of
 Documents.
 Century.
 Chamber's journal.
 Charities.
 Christian register. <i>From the</i>
 <i>Publisher.</i>
 Cloyne magazine. <i>From</i> O. W.
 Huntington.
 Columbia University Quarterly.
 <i>From</i> Columbia University.</p> | <p>Contemporary review.
 Country life. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs.
 Country life in America.
 Critic.
 Cumulative book index.
 Dial.
 Edinburgh review.
 Educational review.
 Electrical world. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs.
 English historical review.
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Geographical journal. <i>From</i> F.
 Sheldon.
 Geological magazine.
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Harvard graduates' magazine.
 <i>From the</i> Harvard Club of
 R. I.
 Indian's friend. <i>From the</i> Wom-
 en's Nat. Indian Assoc'n.
 International quarterly.
 Knowledge.
 Lamp.
 Library journal.
 Lippincott's magazine.
 Literarische centralblatt.
 Literary news.
 Literary world.
 Littell's living age.
 Longman's magazine.
 McClure's magazine.
 Magazine of art.
 Mail (London).
 Modern language notes.
 Monthly review.
 Monthly weather review. <i>From</i>
 W. Gibbs.</p> |
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- Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
 Museum of fine arts bulletin.
 From the museum of fine
 arts (Boston).
 Nation.
 National geographic magazine.
 Nature.
 New England historical and gen-
 ealogical revister.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogcal and bio-
 graphical record.
 New York sun.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the*
 publisher.
 Newport herald. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Newport journal. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Newport mercury. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and Queries (London).
 Ohio arch. and hist. quarterly.
 From the Ohio State Arch.
 and Hist. Society.
 Open court. *From A. Blight.*
 Our four-footed friends. *From*
 the Animal rescue league.
 Outing.
 Outlook.
 Petermann's mittheilungen.
 Photo era.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home*
 Market Club.
 Providence daily journal.
- Providence medical journal. *From*
 the R. I. Medical Society.
 Publisher's circular.
 Publisher's weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly bulletin of the Am.
 Inst. of Architects. *From the*
 Institute.
 Quarterly review.
 Readers guide.
 Revue archéologique.
 Revue critique.
 Revue de synthèse historique.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue musicale.
 Revue scientifique.
 St. Nicholas.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Sitzungsber. der k. k. Akad. Berl.
 From W. Gibbs.
 Sketch.
 Sound Currency. *From the Re-*
 form Club.
 Southern workman. *From A. B.*
 Emmons.
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican.
 Sketch.
 Tablet.
 Technological quarterly. *From*
 Mrs. W. B. Rogers.
 Travelers' record. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From*
 the U. S. Patent Office.
 Velhagen & Klasing's monatshefte.
 Weather map daily. *From U. S.*
 Weather Bureau, Boston.
 World's work.

- Royal Society of Canada, 1 vol.
 Russell, Charles H., 1 vol.
 San Francisco Board of Supervisors, 2 vols.
 Sifton, Clifton, 1 vol. and maps.
 Smith, Mrs. Mary F., 1 vol.
 Smithsonian Institution, 3 vols.
 Stearns, Frank Preston, 1 vol.
 Stevens, Mrs. Harriet, 1 vol.
 Storer, Miss Agnes C., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Swinburne, Miss E., 4 periodicals.
 Tompkins, H. B., 33 vols., 110 pphs.
 Trenton Free Public Library, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 United Congregational Church of Newport, 66 vols.
 University of Colorado, 1 vol.
 University of Illinois, 1 pph.
 U. S. Bureau of Education, 3 vols.
 U. S. Bureau of Labor, 5 vols., 1 pph.
 U. S. Census Office, 2 vols., 12 pphs.
 U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1 vol.
 U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol.
 U. S. Dept of Agriculture, 2 pphs.
 U. S. Life-Saving Service, 1 vol.
 U. S. Naval Academy, 1 pph.
 U. S. Supt. of Documents, 312 vols., vols. 226 pphs.
 U. S. War Department, 1 pph.
 Ward, John & Son, 1 pph.
 Wellcome Research Laboratories, 1 vol.
 Whitehouse, Cope, 1 vol., 9 pphs.
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.
 Yale University, 1 vol., 1 pph.

Library Publications from the following Libraries have been received

REPORTS.

Boston Public Library, Bronson Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Cambridge Public Library, Carnegie Free Library (Allegheny), Chicago Public Library, Cincinnati Public Library, Concord Public Library, Dayton Public Library, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Friends Free Library, Harvard College Library, Jersey City Public Library, Lawrence Public Library, Milwaukee Free Library, Newark Free Library, Newton Library, New York Mercantile Association, Oberlin College Library, Otis Library (Norwich), Peabody Institute (Danvers), Philadelphia City Institute, Philadelphia Free Library, Pratt Institute Free Library, Providence Public Library, Providence Athenæum, St. Louis Mercantile Library, Salem Public Library, Springfield City Library Association, Taunton Public Library, Worcester Free Library, Yale College Library.

BULLETINS.

Boston Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Chicago Public Library, Cincinnati Public Library, Helena Public Library, Jersey City Public Library, J. Herman Boeler Memorial Library, New York Mercantile Association, Philadelphia Library Co., Pratt Institute Free Library, Providence Athenæum, St. Louis Public Library, San Francisco Public Library, Warren Co. (Ill.) Library.

List of Proprietors

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share		Share
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Lorillard, Louis L.	1
Ashhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.,		McLeod, Angus	1
Estate,	1	Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Malcolm, Rev. C. H., Estate,	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs. H. B.		Marquand, Henry G., Estate,	1
Lyman)	1	Martin, Cornelius S.	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Caldwell William S., Estate,	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Norman, George H., Estate,	1
Cooke, Henry Williams, Estate,	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Perry, Gardner B., Estate,	1
Cottrell, Mrs. Ellen,	1	Pierson, J. Frederick	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs Anna K.	1
Davis, Theodore M.,	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
Emmons, Mrs. Julia W.	1	Sherman, Mrs. William S.	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Spooner, George	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Smith, Howard, Estate,	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Staigg, Mrs. Annie	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M.		Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1
Thompson),	1	Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1
Godbold, Mrs. Martha	1	Thaw, Benjamin	1
Grosvenor, Rosa A.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hoem, Robert S., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Wales, George W., Estate,	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
King, LeRoy, Estate,	1	Wetmore, George Peabody,	1
King, Peter,	1	Wetmore, William B.	2
Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1	Willet, Edward M. Estate,	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

	Share		Share
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2
Almon, Andrew B., Estate,	1	Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1
Arnold, Dr. Fred A.	1	Crandall, Carrie W.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Curtis, Henry A.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Dennis, Mrs. Mary E.	
Baker, Darius	1	Dennis, Sarah B.	1
Bancroft, John C., Estate,	1	Denniston, George, Estate,	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1
Barker, Robert S., Estate,	2	Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1
Birkhead, Dr. James	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bispham, G. T. et al. Trustees,	1	Dyer, Herbert L.	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Edgar, William, Estate,	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Ellery, Anna M.	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1
Bradley, Frederick	1	Ellis, Helen	1
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Emmons, Arthur B.	1
Brown, John Carter, Estate,	1	Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1
Brownell, Lucy P.	1	Fearing, Daniel B.	4
Buffum, William P.	1	Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Foster, Fanny	2
Burlingham, Hiram W.	1	Franklin, Robert M.	1
Bush, John T., Estate,	2	Franklin, Ruth B.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2	Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A.,	
Chase, P. Coggeshall	1	Estate,	4
Chase, Ellen	1	Gardner, Martha E.	1
Clarke, H. Audley	4	Gibbes, Emily O.	1
Clarke, Mrs. William P.	1	Gibbs, Dr. Wolcott	1
Coggeshall, Dr. Henry	1	Gillen, Charles A.	1
Coggeshall, Mrs. Jeanne B.	1	Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1
Cornell, Ellen	1	Greene, George W., Estate,	1
Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1	Greene, William Brenton,	
Covell, William W.	1	Estate,	1
Cozzens, John H., Estate,	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4

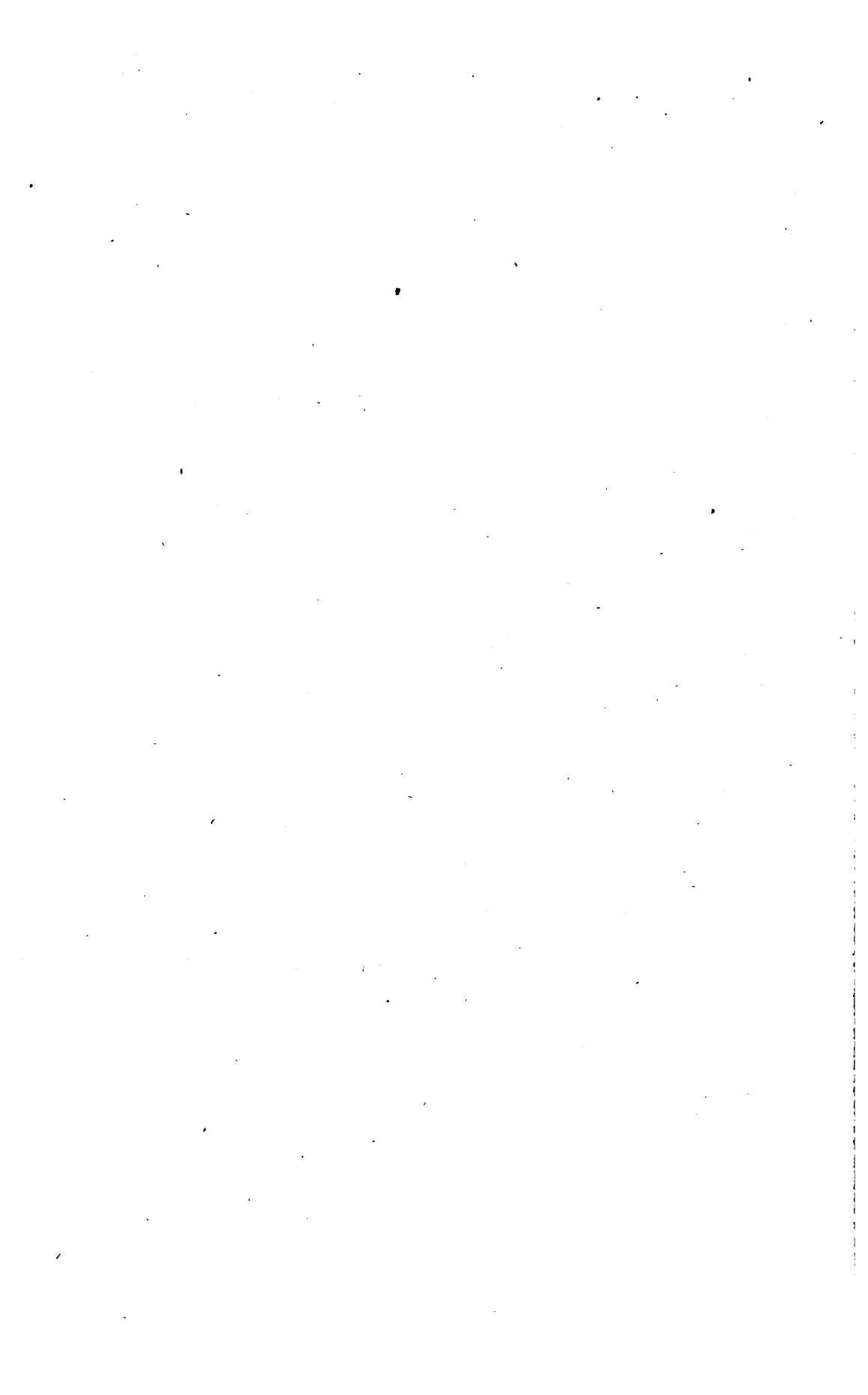
	Share		Share
Hall, George, Estate,	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Hammett, Chas. E., Jr., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Hammett, James H., Estate,	1	Mauran, James E., Estate,	1
Hayden, Mrs. D. H., Estate,	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Newton, Dudley	1
Hazard, Charlotte T. (Mrs. John M. Cross),	1	Newton, Edward, Estate,	1
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1	Newton, Caroline	1
Hazard, Henry B., Estate,	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Parkman, George F.	3
Hazard, John A., Estate (of T. G.),	1	Peckham, Antoinette S.	1
Hazard, Mrs. Mary A.	1	Peckham, Henry S., Estate,	2
Honey, Samuel R.	2	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden, Estate,	1
Howland, Mrs. Florence,	1	Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1
Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8	Pierson, J. Fred.	3
Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2	Pinniger, David T.	1
King, David, Estate,	5	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1
King, Mrs. Ella Rives	1	Powel, John Hare	1
King, George Gordon	4	Powel, Samuel, Jr., Estate,	1
King, Mrs. Mary A.	3	Rhineland, Frederick W.	1
Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings	1	Richards, Benjamin H.	1
Ladd, Mrs. Carrie V.	1	Richardson, John D., Estate,	1
Ladd, Jeanne S.	1	Richmond, George A., Estate,	1
Langley, Alfred G.	1	Rider Philip	1
Langley, William C., Estate,	1	Rives, Dr. William C.	1
Lawton, Charles E., Estate,	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3
Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1	Seabury, T. Mumford	1
Lawton, George, Estate,	1	Sheffield, William P.	9
Lawton, William H.	1	Sherman, Albert K.	1
Leavitt, Mary F.	1	Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1
Ledyard, Lewis C.	1	Sherman, Dr. William S.	1
Leslie, John R.	1	Sherman, Mrs. William S.	1
Lippitt, Charles W.	1	Simmons, Eliza P.	1
Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1	Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1
Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1	Smith, Mary I. and Elizabeth B.	1
Marin, Capt. Matthias C., Estate,	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1	Spencer, Edward L.	1
Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2	Spencer, Lorillard	1
		Spooner, George,	2
		Stevens, Mrs. Martha A.	1

	Share		Share
Stevens, William, Estate,	7	Ward, Henry N., Estate,	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Weaver, George Norman	1
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1	Weaver, John G., Estate,	1
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1	Weld, William G., Estate,	1
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1	Wetmore, William B.	2
Tiffany, George, Estate,	2	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Tilley, Risbrough H.	4	White, Catherine	1
Tilton, Frederick W.	1	Whitridge, John C.	1
Tompkins, Frederick	1	Wilbour, Mary A	1
Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1	Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	1
Tuckerman, Alfred	1	Wilks, Nina M.	1
Underwood, William J.	1	Willard, Elisha W.	1
Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1	Wilson, J. Hazard	1
Vaughn, George H.	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1	Wright, James T.	1
Ward, F. Augustus	1		

Life Members

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24, 1879, it was *Voted*, that all who have in the past, or who may hereafter pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of, Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander	Mason, Ellen F.
Astor, John Jacob	Mason, Ida M.
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley	Norris, William
Baker, Mrs. Richard	Ogden, Francis L.
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)	Parkinson, C. B.
Bennett, J. G.	Pierson, J. Fred.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter	Potter, William H.
Bryce, J. Smith	Rives, William C.
Channing, William F.	Rogers, Daniel
Dino, Duchess de	Sheffield, William P., Jr.
Dunn, Thomas	Sheldon, Frederick
Gibbs, Theodore K.	Stevens, Frederick W.
Griswold, J. N. A.	Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Hatch, A. S.	Tompkins, Frederick
Hunter, Anna F.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Kernochan, Frederick	Travers, Susan
King, Mrs. Edward	Ward, Henry Galbraith
King, George Gordon	Weld, Mrs. William F.
Low, Seth	Wetmore, George Peabody
Marquand, Henry	Wharton, Joseph





FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the
City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*

One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and ~~Archives~~

NEWPORT, R I

TO THE PROPRIETOR

Submitted Wednesday, ~~11/15~~ - ~~11/15~~

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Library & Librarian
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OFFICERS
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum
1905-1906

PRESIDENT:

ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

DANIEL B. FEARING.

DIRECTORS:

WILLIAM P. BUFFUM,	J. FRED PIERSON,
THEODORE K. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
ANNA F. HUNTER,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
GEORGE G. KING,	W. WATTS SHERMAN,
STEPHEN B. LUCE,	ELIZABETH H. SWINBURNE,
ELLEN F. MASON,	FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
ANGUS MCLEOD,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
G. NORMAN WEAVER.	

SECRETARY:

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

TREASURER:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

ANGUS McLEOD,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
STEPHEN B. LUCE,	GEORGE G. KING,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS.	

ON BOOKS:

GEORGE G. KING,	W. WATTS SHERMAN,
DANIEL B. FEARING,	WILLIAM P. BUFFUM,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,	ELLEN F. MASON.

ON FINANCE:

THEODORE K. GIBBS,	FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
GEORGE G. KING,	ANGUS McLEOD.

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY:

GEORGE G. KING,	DANIEL B. FEARING,
WILLIAM P. BUFFUM,	ANNA F. HUNTER.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS:

G. NORMAN WEAVER,	J. FRED PIERSON,
ANGUS McLEOD.	

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	G. NORMAN WEAVER.
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ON REPAIRS AND EXPENDITURES:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,	ANGUS McLEOD,
FREDERICK TOMPKINS,	ELIZABETH A. SWINBURNE.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM
Wednesday, August 16, 1905

The one hundred and seventy-fifth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, August 16, 1905, at three o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President D. B. Fearing was called to the chair, a quorum of Shareholders in person and by proxy being present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Report of the Directors to the Shareholders was read by the Chairman. The Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer were read by the Secretary, and, upon motion of William P. Sheffield, Jr., it was voted that five hundred copies of the various reports, together with such other matter as is usual, be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following persons having received transfer of shares during the year were elected members of the Corporation, viz.: Mrs. Minnie A. Johnson, Sidney Webster, and the Misses Abby C., Emma and Rena Hazard.

The following officers were then elected:

President, Arthur B. Emmons.
Vice-President, Daniel B. Fearing.
Secretary, Hamilton B. Tompkins.
Treasurer, Thomas P. Peckham.

Directors:—

William P. Buffum,
 Theodore K. Gibbs,
 Anna F. Hunter,
 George G. King,
 Stephen B. Luce,
 Ellen F. Mason,
 Angus McLeod,
 J. Fred Pierson,

William P. Sheffield,
 William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
 W. Watts Sherman,
 Elizabeth H. Swinburne,
 Frederick Tompkins,
 Hamilton B. Tompkins,
 G. Norman Weaver.

Upon motion it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

It was voted that the Salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

Upon motion of W. Watts Sherman, Esq., the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That a petition be presented to the Legislature to amend section one of the amendment to the Charter, passed at the January session of the Legislature, 1883, so as to read, that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company of the Redwood Library shall hereafter be held on the third Wednesday in July instead of the third Wednesday in August.

Resolved, That the Legislature be further petitioned to amend the Charter so that the number of Directors necessary to form a quorum of the board at any of its meetings shall be five instead of six.

Upon motion William P. Sheffield, Jr., Esq., was appointed a committee to take the necessary steps to carry the above resolutions into effect.

H. Audley Clarke and Jeremiah W. Horton were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
Secretary.

Annual Report of the Directors

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

August 16, 1905

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending Wednesday, August 16, 1905.

That oft-repeated subject, the inadequacy of the income applicable to Incidental Account, that is, running expenses, has been painfully brought home to us since the last report was written. There was a deficiency of several hundred dollars last year in the Incidental Account, which did not appear in the Treasurer's Report owing to the fact that sundry bills had not then come in. This deficiency was made good by the generous contributions for that purpose of several kind friends of the Library.

During the year just ended a large part of the insurance had to be renewed and we have been obliged to take the five hundred dollars needed to meet this expense from the Potter Fund, as the income from Incidental Account has been barely sufficient to meet the ordinary running expenses. This fund was given us expressly for Incidental Expenses, but it is with regret that we are now obliged to trench on the principal. The growth of the Library has been constant, and with increased growth increased expense in running it is inevitable. The extent of the growth is strikingly shown by the following figures: When Mr. Bliss, our present Librarian, came to us in the fall of 1884, the invested funds amounted to \$25,520,

and the number of books to 27,457. Ten years later the invested funds had increased to \$52,977. and the number of books to 40,579. To-day the amount of the invested funds is \$74,913.98, and the number of books is 48,234. While the amount of the invested funds has increased nearly threefold, the income applicable to running expenses, always inadequate, has only about doubled. In 1884 the expenses amounted to \$1,485 (it does not appear from the report for that year whether the income applicable to expenses was actually as much as that), while for the year just ended the income for incidental expenses amounted to \$2,744.57.

Hardly a year passes but the Library has to record the thoughtful kindness and help of some of its friends. This year it is indebted to a frequent giver for the construction in the cellar of a room lined with shelves for the reception of newspapers and other periodicals, a much needed addition, and to the Hon. George Peabody Wetmore for a catalogue case for the printed cards accompanying the issue of Government publications from the office of the U. S. Superintendent of Documents.

The late Mrs. Edward King has bequeathed to the Library the sum of one thousand dollars, and the portrait of her son Alexander Mercer King, painted by Jalabert at Paris, with the request that the same be placed in the gallery erected to his memory. In the death of Mrs. King the Library has lost a friend who was always ready to lend a helping hand in the hour of need.

From Mrs. H. L. Stevens and Mrs. W. Maynard, daughters of the late Rev. Charles T. Brooks, we have received 171 volumes from his library, mostly German Classics, including much Goethe Literature; from the Chicago University of Chicago the first set of their Decennial Publications; a large collection of books on angling and sports, besides many other smaller gifts of books.

The use of the Library has continued to be about the same as for the preceding year as has also the circulation.

Reference is made to the reports herewith of the Librarian and Treasurer for the full details in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

President.

Dr.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account

1904.				
Aug 15.	To Balances from former account :			
	" Credit Incidental Account,	\$86 73		
	" " Book Account,	660 74		
	" " Special Reference Book Account,	71 93		
	" " G. H. Norman Special Book Acct.,	13 02		
	" " Beqst. from Miss Mary LeRoy King,	\$2,000 00		
				\$2,832 42
	" Receipts for Incidental Account :			
	" from 151 taxes,	\$604 00		
	" " Subscriptions,	334 00		
	" " Fines,	50 45		
	" " Int. on Deposit Newpt. Tr. Co.,	32 45		
	" " Current Expense Funds,	788 28		
	" " Special Pref. Share Fund,	58 99		
	" " W. H. Potter Fund,	117 52		
	" " LeRoy King Fund,	40 00		
	" " George W. Gibbs Fund,	114 88		
	" " Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund	383 00		
	" " Martha M. Anderson " (6 mo.)	20 00		
	" " Orleano R. E. Pell " "	80 00		
	" " George H. Norman " "	41 00		
	" " W. C. Weld " "	40 00		
	" " Mary LeRoy King " (6 mo.)	40 00		
				2,744 57
	" Cash withdrawn from Wm. H. Potter Fund,			500 00
	" Gift from W. W. Sherman for Current Exps.,			50 00
	" Gift for Deficiency of 1904 :			
	" from C. L. F. Robinson,	\$30 00		
	" " F. Van Horn,	5 00		
	" " G. Fahnestock,	50 00		
	" " W. Watts Sherman,	50 00		
	" " Bradford Norman,	10 00		
	" " A. B. Emmons,	100 00		
	" " Frederick Sheldon,	25 00		
	" " Daniel B. Fearing,	100 00		
	" " George Peabody Wetmore,	50 00		
				420 00
	" from Sale of Preferred Share :			
	Mrs. W. S. Sherman,	\$75 00		
	Sidney Webster,	100 00		
				175 00
	" Cash Mrs. Mary A. King for Cataloguing,			100 00
	" Receipts for Book Account :			
	" from 151 taxes,	\$151 00		
	" " H. A. R. Carey Fund,	250 00		
	" " William S. Rogers Fund,	153 18		
	" " John Carter Brown Fund,	191 48		
	" " David King Fund,	156 58		
	" " George W. Cullum Fund,	230 00		
	" " Littlefield Fund,	40 00		
	" " John N. Brown Fund, (15 mo.)	250 00		
	" " George G. King Fund,	40 00		
	" " Robert Rogers Fund,	40 00		
				1,502 20
				\$8,324 23

with the Redwood Library and Athenaeum.

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1905.		
By Payments for Incidental Accounts,		\$3,610 37
" " " Book Account,		1,230 72
" " " Special Reference Book Account,		63 98
" Bequest of Mary LeRoy King of \$2,000 Invested by Purchase of \$2,000 Louisville and Nash- ville Bonds Cost,	\$1,945 00	
Balance deposited in Industrial Trust Co.,	55 00	
		2,000 00
Deposited in Industrial Trust Co., for Preferred Share Fund,		175 00
		<u>\$7,080 07</u>
July 29. By Balance in Newport Trust Co., to credit :		
Incidental Account,	\$290 93	
Book Account,	932 26	
Special Reference Book Account,	13 02	
G. H. Norman Special Ref. Book,	7 95	
		<u>1,244 16</u>

\$8,324 23

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PECKHAM, *Treasurer.*

Memorandum of Funds.

John Carter Brown Book Fund.....	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fnd.....	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund.....	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund.....	1,000 00
David King Book Fund.....	4,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund.....	731 43
John Nicholas Brown Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Littlefield Book Fund.....	1,000 00
H. R. A. Carey Book Fund.....	5,000 00
George H. Calvert Special Fund.....	161 23
William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund.....	2,188 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund.....	307 45
LeRoy King General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund.....	3,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund.....	10,000 00
Special Preferred Share Fund.....	1,781 29
Catalogue Printing Fund.....	197 22
Martha M. Anderson Fund.....	1,000 00
Orleana R. E. Pell Fund.....	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund.....	1,025 00
Current Expense Fund.....	17,522 11
W. G. Weld General Expense Account.....	1,000 00
Mary LeRoy King.....	2,000 00
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	\$74,913 98

Memorandum of Investments.

Deposited in the Savings Bank of Newport.....	\$8,585 58
“ “ Industrial Trust Co.....	5,487 15
“ “ Newport Trust Co., Certificate of Deposit.....	5,000 00
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal Gold 5% 1914.....	3,000 00
East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. Con. 5% Gold 1956....	2,000 00
Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% 1st Con. Gold 1931..	1,000 00
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 1st Gold 5% 1939.....	2,000 00
St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. Gen'l Con. 5% Gold 1931.....	2,000 00
Lehigh Valley R. R. Terminal 1st 5% Gold 1941.....	3,000 00
Houston & Texas R. R. 6% Gold Con. Mort. 1912.....	1,000 00
Central R. R. of N. J. 5% Gold Gen'l Mort. 1987.....	3,000 00
Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co. 4% Gold Con. Mort. 1937.....	2,000 00
Burlington, Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 1st Con. 1906.....	1,000 00
Chicago, West Michigan R. R. 5% Mort. 1921.....	2,000 00
Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5% 1st Con. 1922.....	1,000 00
Denver & Rio Grande R. R. 1st Con. 4% Gold 1936, \$10,000 Cost.	10,112 50
Union Pacific R. R. 1st Mort. 4% Gold 1947, \$7,000 Cost.....	7,358 75
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 3½% Gold 1925, \$10,000 Cost.....	9,425 00
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%.....	1,000 00
Northern Pacific R. R. 4% 1907.....	3,000 00
Louisville & Nashville 4% 1923, \$2,000 Cost.....	1,945 00
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	\$74,913 98

Librarian's Report

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the twenty-third annual report of the Librarian on the condition of the Library, with statistics for the year 1904-1905.

During the library year, now closed, the number of books added to our collection was 1,073 volumes; of which number 338 were purchases, and 735 donations. The increase this year is considerably less than was that of the previous year both in purchases, and, especially, donations. In the last report the total accession of books were 1,451 volumes, while this year the number is but 1,073. The total number of volumes now in the library is estimated at 48,234.

The donations of the year, aside from contributions of individuals and institutions otherwise mentioned, include 201 volumes of Government publications, and 249 pamphlets of the Department of Agriculture, from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents, and 16 atlas folios of maps, and 201 topographic map sheets from the U. S. Geological Survey.

Among the donors to the Library (an alphabetical list of which will be found at the end of this report) especial mention may be made of the following: Miss M. C. Codman, 23 volumes of general literature; Dr. S. P. Cottrell, 18 volumes of medical journals; Miss H. C. Ellery, 36 volumes of Harper's Bazar, covering the period 1869-1900; A. B. Emmons, 34 volumes, including 13 bound volumes of the Nation to fill breaks in our set, and 14 volumes of memoirs and reports of the Egyptian Exploration Fund; D. B. Fearing, 103 volumes, mainly on angling and other sports; Mrs. A. Livingston Ma-

son, 39 volumes; F. P. Sands, 58 volumes, chiefly of medical works; Mrs. H. L. Stevens and Mrs. W. Maynard, 171 volumes, mostly foreign literature, from the library of the late Charles T. Brooks; The University of Chicago, President William R. Harper, a set of the first series of the Decennial Publications of the University of Chicago. Mr. Theodore M. Davis has given to the Library a copy of *The Tomb of Thoutmosis IV*, by Messrs. Carter and Newberry, being the results of his excavations in the Bibân el Molûk in 1902-1903, and the Hon. George P. Wetmore has given us, among other gifts, seven volumes of the *Illustrated London News* with which to fill a break among the early numbers of our set of this periodical.

The number of works of fiction purchased was 145 volumes, which is about half of the total purchases.

The following summary in tabular form shows the growth of the Library in the fiscal year now closed:

No. of Volumes in the Library August 17, 1904.....	47,161
No. of Volumes added by purchase	338
No. of Volumes added by gift.....	735
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Total in the Library August 1, 1905.....	48,234
Pamphlets added	583
Odd numbers of Periodicals added.....	90
Continuations	76

The statistics of circulation still show a decrease in the number of books issued for home use during the past year. The number issued is estimated at 14,390 volumes, which is 365 volumes less than the issue for the year previous. This steady decline in circulation since 1901 cannot be attributed to a corresponding diminution in the number of borrowers, which number remains about the same from year to year. Nor is it wholly due, apparently, to the number of novels purchased—which this year form about half of our whole yearly

purchase—since the decrease was the same two or three years ago when the purchase of fiction was less than it is at present. The recent reduction in circulation is probably owing to the rule limiting the number of books issued to any given person at one time, taken in connection with the fact that ordinarily only one copy of even the most popular novel is purchased. It would unquestionably be of advantage to the Library if several copies of the new works of popular writers were bought when these works are issued. At the same time it must be admitted that money spent in fiction is to a large extent wasted so far as any permanent benefit to our collection is concerned, for after a few months most of the novels eagerly read at first are no longer called for, and, when worn out, are not replaced. The proportion of fiction circulated this year is 66.5 per cent.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation since 1895:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
13291	13404	14501	15422	16557	17703	17886	15958	15634	14765	14390

No binding has been done during the past year—the present resources of the Library unfortunately prohibiting any such expenditure. The current literature which has become worn out in service, together with a very large number of books of foreign literature which have never been bound, are now stored in the north side room. The unbound periodicals and completed “continuations” have been placed in bundles on the periodical shelves in the stack and elsewhere.

At the beginning of the Library year the Librarian was notified that no money was available for cataloguing during the

year. This unfortunate condition promised to entail much discomfort and loss to the public, as well as annoyance to the Library staff. For the confusion which would result from shelving hundreds of uncatalogued books, and the delay and inconvenience resulting from not knowing what new books the Library had, together with the extra labor, the delay and the probability of confusion in charging, made the prospect for the year far from pleasing. To avoid this difficulty, and to facilitate the work of the Library, Mrs. Bliss, the cataloguer, kindly volunteered to continue the cataloguing work through the year. This she has done with all the new books and many of the other accessions, but the number of books catalogued this year—about 1,200 volumes—has naturally been less than during previous years, since only the really necessary cataloguing was undertaken.

In the report of the Librarian for 1904 mention was made of the need of room for the storage of newspapers and the lesser used weekly periodicals. Last autumn a friend of the Library generously offered to pay for the construction of a room for this purpose in the middle cellar. Early in the winter the room was finished and fitted with the shelving taken from the East Room when the stack was erected there. This cellar storage room now contains some of our duplicate volumes, many of our weekly periodicals, and a number of files of newspapers. Being raised somewhat from the floor of the cellar it did not suffer from the usual inundation of the cellar during the winter rains.

The Superintendent of Documents now sends out printed catalogue cards of matters contained in the documents published by order of Congress to all designated depositories to whom the Government publications are sent. Unfortunately these cards cannot be incorporated with our own card catalogue owing to the fact that they are of a larger size than ours. In view of this fact the Hon. George P. Wetmore has

generously provided for the purchase of a special set of drawers in which the cards may be held and consulted. This incident emphasizes the unfortunate circumstance that since our catalogue was made the standard size of catalogue cards has changed—considerably larger cards now being used. Consequently we are debarred from making use of the printed cards furnished at a nominal cost by the Library of Congress, as well as of the printed cards of particular collections and bibliographies, such as those issued by the American Library Association. If our catalogue were being made now larger cards and smaller, less cumbersome drawers for them would certainly be used.

It seems necessary to call attention to the ceiling of the Library Reading Room. For some time past the leaks in the roof of that portion of the building were frequent and extensive. This trouble now seems to have been remedied, but the percolating water has damaged the ceiling in many places, and not only is the decoration destroyed, and the ceiling rendered very unsightly, but small portions of the plastering are from time to time falling to the tables and floor and even the laps of the readers.

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken 1904-05

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| American anthropologist. | Columbia University Quarterly. |
| American historical review. | <i>From</i> Columbia University. |
| American journal of archæology. | Contemporary review. |
| American journal of science. | Country calendar. <i>From</i> D. B. |
| American monthly. | Fearing. |
| American naturalist. | Country life. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs. |
| Annals of American Academy, | Country life in America. |
| <i>From</i> A. B. Emmons. | Critic. |
| Antiquary. | Cumulative book index. |
| Army and Navy journal. | Dial. |
| Association review. <i>From</i> F. W. | Deutsche literaturzeitung. |
| Booth. | Edinburgh review. |
| Athenæum. | Educational review. |
| Atlantic monthly. | Electrical world. <i>From</i> W. Gibbs. |
| Blackwood's magazine. | English historical review. |
| Bookman. | Fortnightly review. |
| Bookseller. | Forum. |
| Boston daily advertiser. | Geographical journal. <i>From</i> F. |
| Boston daily herald. | Sheldon. |
| Boston transcript. | Geological magazine. |
| Brown Alumni monthly. <i>From</i> | Good words. |
| Brown University. | Graphic. |
| Bulletin American Geographical | Harper's magazine. |
| Society. <i>From</i> D. B. Fearing. | Harper's weekly. |
| Bulletin of bibliography. <i>From</i> | Harvard graduates' magazine. |
| the Boston Book Co. | <i>From</i> the Harvard Club of R. I. |
| Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor. | Indian's friend. <i>From</i> the Wo- |
| <i>From</i> the U. S. Bureau of | men's Nat. Indian Assoc'n. |
| Labor. | International quarterly. |
| Bulletin of the Museum of Fine | International studio. |
| Arts, Boston. <i>From</i> the | Knowledge. |
| Museum. | Kunst für alle. |
| Catalogue U. S. Public Docu- | Library journal. |
| ments. <i>From</i> the Supt. of | Lippincott's magazine. |
| Documents. | Literary index. |
| Century. | Literary world. |
| Chamber's journal. | Littell's living age. |
| Charities. | McClure's magazine. |
| Christian register. <i>From</i> the | Magazine of art. |
| <i>Publisher.</i> | Mail (London). |
| Cloyne magazine. <i>From</i> O. W. | Memorial de la librairie française. |
| Huntington. | Modern language notes. |

- Monthly review.
 Monthly weather review. *From*
 W. Gibbs.
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift*.
 Nation.
 National geographic magazine.
 Nature.
 New England historical and gen-
 ealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and bio-
 graphical record.
 New York sun.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the*
 publisher.
 Newport herald. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Newport journal. *From the pub-*
 lisher.
 Newport mercury. *From the*
 publisher.
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and Queries (London).
 Ohio arch. and hist. quarterly.
 From the Ohio State Arch.
 and Hist. Society.
 Open court. *From A. Blight.*
 Our four-footed friends. *From*
 the Animal rescue league.
 Outing.
 Outlook.
 Petermann's mittheilungen.
 Photo era.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home*
 Market Club.
 Providence daily journal.
 Providence medical journal.
 From the R.I. Medical Society.
 Publisher's circular.
 Publisher's weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly bulletin of the Am.
 Inst. of Architects. *From the*
 Institute.
 Quarterly review.
 Readers' guide.
 Reliquary.
 Revue archéologique.
 Revue critique.
 Revue de synthèse historique.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue musicale.
 Revue scientifique.
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Science.
 Scientific American and Supple-
 ment.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Sitzungsber. der k. k. Akad. Berl.
 From W. Gibbs.
 Sketch.
 Sound Currency. *From the Re-*
 form Club.
 Southern workman. *From A. B.*
 Emmons.
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 Technological quarterly. *From*
 Mrs. W. B. Rogers.
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 lisher.
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From*
 the U. S. Patent Office.
 Velhagen and Klasings monat-
 shefte.
 Weather map daily. *From U. S.*
 Weather Bureau, Providence.
 World's work.

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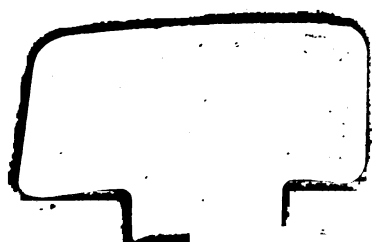
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Marquand, Henry	Wharton, Joseph

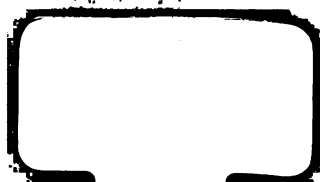






FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the
City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*



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One Hundred and Seventy-Sixth

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum

NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS

Submitted Wednesday, July 18, 1906.

WITH CHARTER AND AMENDMENTS.

NEWPORT, R. I.
WARD PRINTING COMPANY.
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OFFICERS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum

1906 - 1907

PRESIDENT:

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ANGUS McLEOD,

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G. NORMAN WEAVER.

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HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

TREASURER:

THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

Standing Committees of Directors

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

ANGUS McLEOD, WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,
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WILLIAM P. BUFFUM, J. FRED PIERSON.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS:

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ANGUS McLEOD.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, G. NORMAN WEAVER.

ON REPAIRS AND EXPENDITURES:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., ANGUS McLEOD,
FREDERICK TOMPKINS, ELIZABETH A. SWINBURNE.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

Wednesday, July 18, 1906

The one hundred and seventy-sixth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, July 18, 1906, at three o'clock P. M.

The President, Arthur B. Emmons, in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Angus McLeod was chosen Secretary pro tem, a quorum of Shareholders in person and by proxy being present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, also a special Meeting of the Shareholders held September 28, 1905, were read and approved. The Report of the Directors to the Shareholders and the Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian were read and, upon motion duly seconded, unanimously carried. The President and Secretary were authorized to print five hundred copies of the different reports, including a copy of the Charter and amendments.

The following named persons were proposed and unanimously elected members of the Company: Mrs. Ellen B. Huntington, Fred M. Hammett, Helen Ellis, Richard Biiss, William A. Sherman, M. D., Annie Cottrell, Lispernard Stewart, Henry A. C. Taylor, Nathaniel Thayer, William Storrs Wells, J. Andrews Swan, Mrs. Sophia A. Brown, John J. Wy song, E. Rollins Morse, Mrs. Georgiana Hillhouse, Charles F. Hoffman, Mrs. Alice G. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Sarah A. Woodward.

The following officers were then elected :

President, Arthur B. Emmons.
Vice-President, Daniel B. Fearing.
Secretary, Hamilton B. Tompkins.
Treasurer, Thomas B. Peckham.

Directors :—

Darius Baker,	William P. Sheffield,
William P. Buffum,	William P. Sheffield, Jr.,
George Gordon King,	W. Watts Sherman,
Stephen B. Luce,	Elizabeth H. Swinburne,
Ellen F. Mason,	Frederick Tompkins,
Angus McLeod,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
J. Fred Pierson,	G. Norman Weaver.

Upon motion it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

Upon motion it was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

Upon motion it was voted Judge Darius Baker and William P. Sheffield, Jr., be a Committee to get the shares standing in the name of estates, transferred to the name of some person now living.

H. Audley Clarke and Jeremiah W. Horton were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

ANGUS McLEOD,

Secretary pro tem.

Annual Report of the Directors

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

July 18, 1906

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending July 1st, 1906.

During the past winter two amendments to the charter have been obtained from the Legislature. One provides that the Annual Meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday in July instead of the third Wednesday in August, and the meeting this year is being held in accordance with that provision; and the other amendment provides that five shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Directors instead of six as heretofore.

In other respects the year has been marked by no event of special importance to the Library. The use of the Library as indicated by the circulation has remained about the same as for the year previous, but the subscriptions show a decided increase. The fact that the year is really for a term less than eleven months interferes somewhat with the comparison of the past year with the years previous.

Through the efforts of Mr. William Watts Sherman twelve new members have been added to the Library through the purchase of new preferred shares and only eight preferred shares now remain unissued.

The Town and Country Club, that characteristic expression

of the Newport of old days, having ceased to exist has turned over the funds remaining in its treasury, amounting to over \$1,400, to the Redwood Library with the condition that the fund be allowed to accumulate until it reaches the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, when it shall be kept as a separate fund to be known as the Town and Country Club Fund. It will serve as a memorial of the long and honorable record of that society.

Among the gifts received this year by the Library is the crayon portrait of the late George W. Gibbs presented by his widow, which now hangs in a prominent position opposite the door as one enters the Library. Mr. Gibbs although for many years not a resident of Newport has been the largest contributor in a financial way the Library has had among its many generous helpers. A small engraving of John Winthrop born in England in 1691, ancestor of the donor, has been presented by Mr. John W. Aucinchloss; a daguerrotype of the late Henry T. Tuckerman by Miss Antonia Marin; and a photogravure of "The Boston Massacre" by Paul Revere by Mr. Charles W. Burrows.

The curious condition existing in the ownership of shares has been brought to the attention of the Directors and is here noted in the hope that it may help to remedy the undesirable position of things. At the time of the report to the Directors, of the eighty-two preferred shares then outstanding thirty-one were in the names of estates of deceased holders, and of the one hundred and eighty original shares sixty stood in the name of estates, that is ninety-one shares out of a total of two hundred and sixty-two shares. In some cases not only the owners but the owners' children are now dead. This condition of affairs has given rise to a great deal of trouble to the Library, and a great deal of dissatisfaction to the holders of shares desiring to have them transferred

owing to the absence of proper evidence or authentication of the transfer due to the loss of the certificate or other papers. It is therefore strongly urged that all persons holding shares in the name of estates shall have them transferred to the name of some person living.

The number of books added during the year by purchase has been 327 and by gift 481 making the total number of volumes in the Library at this time 49,042.

Reference is made to the reports herewith of the Librarian and Treasurer for the full details in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

President.

Dr.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account

1905.			
July 29.	To balance from former account:		
	" Credit Incidental Account,	\$290 93	
	" " Book,	932 26	
	" " Special Reference Book Account,	13 02	
	" " G. H. Normal Special Book "	795	
			\$1,244 16
	" Receipts from incidental Account :		
	" " 164 taxes,	656 00	
	" " Subscriptions,	458 00	
	" " Fines,	55 88	
	" " Int. on Deposit Newpt. Tr. Co.,	29 50	
	" " Current Expense Funds,	821 03	
	" " Special Pref. Share Fund,	79 88	
	" " W. H. Potter Fund,	73 76	
	" " Le Roy King Fund,	20 00	
	" " George W. Gibbs Fund,	114 88	
	" " Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	383 00	
	" " Martha M. Anderson "	40 00	
	" " Orleana R. E. Pell "	40 00	
	" " George H. Norman "	20 50	
	" " W. G. Weld "	20 00	
	" " Mary Leroy King "	80 00	
	" " Mrs. Mary A. King "	10 00	
			2,902 43
	" Gift from Hon. George Peabody Wetmore		
	for index card,	20 50	
	" " Town and Country Club,	1,442 46	
	" Bequest from Mrs Mary A. King,	1,000 00	
	" from sale of Preferred shares :		
	E. Rollins Morse,	100 00	
	James A. Swan,	100 00	
	Nathaniel Thayer,	100 00	
	C. T. Hoffman,	100 00	
	Mrs. Alice G. Vanderbilt,	100 00	
	James T. Woodward,	100 00	
	H. A. C. Taylor,	100 00	
	J. J. Wysong,	100 00	
	W. S. Wells,	100 00	
	Lispenard Stewart,	100 00	
	Mrs. Sophia Augusta Brown,	100 00	
	Mrs. Georgiana R. Hillhouse,	100 00	
			1,200 00
	" Receipts for Book Account :		
	" " from 164 taxes,	164 00	
	" " H. A. R. Carey Fund,	250 00	
	" " William S. Rogers Fund,	153 18	
	" " John Carter Brown "	191 48	
	" " David King "	176 58	
	" " George W. Cullum "	190 00	
	" " Littlefield "	40 00	
	" " John Nicholas Brown "	100 00	
	" " George G. King "	20 00	
	" " Robert Rogers Fund "	20 00	
			1,305 24
			\$9,114 79

with the Redwood Library and Athenaeum.

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1905-6.

By Payment for Incidental Account,	\$2,886 19
" " " Book Account,	1,176 94
" Bequest of Mrs. Mary A. King, Deposited in Industrial Trust Co., Participation Acct.,	1,000 00
Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport, Town and Country Club Fund,	1,442 46
" " Industrial Trust Co., Participation Acct. for Pref. Share Fund,	1,200 00
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	\$7,705 59

1906.

July 1. By Balance Newport Trust Co., to credit Incidental Account,	\$327 67	
Book Account,	1,060 56	
Special Reference Book Account,	13 02	
G. H. Norman Special Ref. Book Acct.,	7 95	
	<hr/>	1,409 20

\$9,114 79

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,

Treasurer.

Memorandum of Funds.

John Carter Brown Book Fund.....	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund.....	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund.....	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund.....	1,000 00
David King Book Fund.	4,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund.....	746 05
John Nicholas Brown Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Littlefield Book Fund.....	1,000 00
H. R. A. Carey Book Fund.....	5,000 00
George H. Calvert Special Fund.....	164 45
William H. Potter, Incidental Expense Fund.....	2,188 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund.....	313 59
Le Roy King General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund.....	10,000 00
Martha M. Anderson Fund.....	1,000 00
Orleana R. E. Pell Fund.....	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund.....	1,025 00
W. G. Weld General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Mary Le Roy King Fund.....	2,000 00
Mrs. Mary A. King Fund.....	1,000 00
Town and Country Club Fund.....	1,471 20
Catalogue Printing Fund.....	201 16
Current Expense Fund.....	17,522 11
Special Preferred Share Fund.....	2,981 29
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund.....	3,000 00
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	\$78,613 10

Memorandum of Investments.

Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport.....	\$10,084 70
“ “ Industrial Trust Co.....	7,687 15
“ “ Newport Trust Co.....	5,000 00
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal Gold 5% 1914.....	3,000 00
East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. Con. 5% Gold 1956...	2,000 00
Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% 1st Con. Gold 1931.	1,000 00
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 1st Gold 5% 1939.....	2,000 00
St. Louis & Iron Mountains R. R. Gen'l Con. 5% Gold 1931....	2,000 00
Lehigh Valley, R. R. Terminal 1st 5% Gold 1941.....	3,000 00
Houston & Texas R. R. 6% Gold Con. Mort. 1912.....	1,000 00
Central R. R. of N. J. 5% Gold Gen'l Mort. 1987.....	3,000 00
Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co. 4% Gold Con. Mort. 1937.....	2,000 00
Burlington Cedar Rapids & No. R. R. 1st Con. 1906.....	1,000 00
Chicago and West Michigan R. R. 5% Gold 1921.....	2,000 00
Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5% 1st Con. 1922.....	1,000 00
Denver & Rio Grande R. R. 1st Con. 4% Gold 1936, \$10,000 Cost.	10,112 50
Union Pacific R. R. 1st Mort. 4% Gold 1947, \$7,000 cost.....	7,358 75
Baltimore and Ohio R. R. 3½% Gold 1925, \$10,000 cost.....	9,425 00
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%.....	1,000 00
Northern Pacific R. R. 4% 1997.....	3,000 00
Louisville & Nashville R. R. 4% 1923, \$2,0000 cost.....	1,945 00
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Librarian's Report

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: Herewith is presented the twenty-fourth annual report of the Librarian on the condition of the library, with statistics, for the year 1905-1906.

During the library year now closed our collection of books has been increased by the addition of 808 volumes, of which number 327 were purchased and 481 were given. Compared with the previous year this is 265 volumes less than the number received that year. But the decrease is chiefly in the donations, since our purchases for the eleven months of this year are only eleven volumes less than the purchases for the whole of the year before. As the date of the annual meeting has been changed from August to July, the statistics, not only of the accessions but of the circulation as well, cover but eleven months this year, instead of twelve as is usually the case. The number of books of fiction bought was 94 volumes — that is, two fifths of the entire purchases. Last year the proportion of fiction was about one half of the total purchases. The whole number of volumes now in the library is 49,042.

It is quite evident from the statistics of circulation that a large number of the patrons of the library prefer fiction to other literature. Even when our purchase of novels amounts to fifty per cent. of the total book purchase, the supply does not meet the demand. As it has never been the policy of this library to make it especially a novel-circulating institution, and as our funds for book buying are not sufficient to enable

us to buy more freely of novels and at the same time to keep up its purchases of more solid literature and of works of reference — works which at once attract and satisfy the serious reader and the special student — it is here suggested that it may be advisable to try a system which is found to work well in other libraries of the Redwood class, such, for instance, as the Providence Athenæum. This is to supply current fiction to any extent that the demand warrants at the rate of a small charge per diem for each book taken out, after the plan of the so-called “circulating libraries.”

By this plan it is not intended to do away entirely with our purchase of fiction for free use to our shareholders and subscribers, but to restrict such purchases to the better class of novels, and, by reducing the amount of money now given to fiction from the book funds enable us to increase our purchases of other classes of books. Such an “accessory library” would unquestionably more than pay for itself, and would afford readers the opportunity of taking out as many novels as they were willing to pay for, unhampered by the limit which we now have to impose relative to the number of new books that may be taken out by one person at one time.

Aside from the contributions of individuals and institutions, otherwise mentioned, the donations for the year include 224 volumes of public documents, in sheep, sent to us as one of the designated depositories of the United States Government, 365 pamphlets of the Department of Agriculture, from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents, and 15 atlas folios and 128 typographic map sheets from the U. S. Geological Survey.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the fiscal year now closed :

No. of Volumes in the Library August 1, 1905.....	48,234
No. of Volumes added by purchase.....	327
No. of Volumes added by gift.....	<u>481</u>
Total in the Library, July 18, 1906.....	49,042

Pamphlets added.....	295
Odd numbers of Periodicals added.....	52
Continuations.....	89

The statistics of circulation show that during the year 14,257 volumes were issued for home use, as compared with 14,390 volumes issued the year before. This however does not indicate a diminution in the circulation, since, owing to the change in the date of the annual meeting, this year's record comprises only eleven months. The circulation for the month of July generally equal to, if not greater than, that for June, consequently, on this basis, the circulation for the full twelve months would be about 17,000; thus showing an increase of about 1,300 volumes for the current year. The proportion of fiction in the annual circulation is 69.3 per cent — an increase over last year of about three per cent.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation :

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
13,404	14,501	15,422	16,557	17,703	17,886	15,958	15,634	14,765	14,390	14,257

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

Philosophy,	68
Religion, Theology, Ecclesiastical History,	68
Biography,	516
History,	391
Geography, Description, Travels,	354
Political and Social Science, Education, Law,	55
Physical and Natural Science,	99
Useful Arts, Sports, Military and Naval Arts,	84
Theatre, Music,	55
Fine Arts,	117

List of Periodicals taken 1905-06

- A. L. A. booklist, *From the American Library Association.*
 American anthropologist.
 American historical review.
 American Institute of Architects quarterly bulletin, *From the Institute*
 American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American monthly.
 American monthly magazine, *From the Daughters of the American Revolution.*
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy, *From A. B. Emmons.*
 Antiquary.
 Army and Navy journal.
 Association review. *From F. W. Booth.*
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Bimonthly bulletin of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. *From A. B. Emmons.*
 Blackwood's magazine.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Boston transcript.
 Brown Alumni monthly. *From Brown University.*
 Bulletin American Geographical Society. *From D. B. Fearing.*
 Bulletin of bibliography. *From the Boston Book Co.*
 Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor. *From the U. S. Bureau of Labor.*
 Burlington magazine.
 Catalogue U. S. Public Documents. *From the Supt. of Documents.*
 Catholic world. *Gift.*
 Century.
 Chamber's journal.
 Charities.
 Christian register. *From the Publisher.*
 Cloyne magazine. *From O. W. Huntington.*
 Collier's weekly.
 Columbia University Quarterly. *From Columbia University.*
 Contemporary review.
 Cornhill magazine.
 Country life. *From W. Gibbs.*
 Country life in America.
 Craftsman.
 Critic.
 Cumulative book index.
 Dial.
 Deutsche literaturzeitung.
 Dragon. *From St. George's School.*
 Edinburgh Review.
 Educational review.
 English historical review.
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Geographical journal. *From F. Sheldon.*
 Geological magazine.
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Indian's friend. *From the Women's Nat. Indian Association.*
 International quarterly.
 International studio.
 Journal des debats.
 Knowledge.
 Kunst für alle.
 Library index.
 Library journal.
 Lippincott's magazine.

- Littell's living age.
 McClure's magazine.
 Mail (London).
 Memorial de la librairie française.
 Modern language notes.
 Monthly review.
 Monthly weather review. *From W. Gibbs.*
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
 Museum of Fine Arts bulletin. *From the Museum (Boston).*
 Musical standard.
 Nation.
 National geographic magazine.
 Nature.
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York sun.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and Queries (London).
 Ohio arch. and hist. quarterly. *From the Ohio State Arch. and Hist. Society.*
 Open court. *From A. Blight.*
 Our four-footed friends. *From the Animal Rescue League.*
 Outing.
 Outlook.
 Peterman's mittheilungen.
 Photo era.
 Poet lore.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home Market Club.*
 Providence daily journal.
 Providence medical journal. *From the R. I. Medical Society.*
 Public libraries. *From R. Bliss.*
 Publisher's circular.
 Publisher's weekly.
 Punch.
 Quarterly review.
 Readers' guide.
 Reliquary.
 Revue archéologique.
 Revue critique.
 Revue de synthèse historique.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue musicale.
 Revue scientifique.
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Science.
 Scientific American and Supplement
 Scribner's Magazine.
 Sitzungsbb, der k. k. Akad. Ben
From W. Gibbs.
 Sketch.
 Sound Currency. *From the Reform Club.*
 Southern workman. *From A. B. Emmons.*
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican.
 Strand magazine. *From R. Bliss.*
 Tablet.
 Technological quarterly. *From Mrs. W. B. Rogers.*
 Technolgy review. *From the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.*
 Travelers' Record. *From the publisher.*
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
 Velhagen and Klasings monatshefte.
 Weather map daily. *From U. S. Weather Bureau, Providence.*
 World's work.

List of Donors to the Library

(Not including donors of periodicals mentioned in the previous list.)

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| American Colonization Society,
1 pph., 1 periodical. | Cincinnati Public Library, 1 pph. |
| American Institute of Architects,
1 vol. | City Club (New York), 33 pphs. |
| American-Irish Historical Society,
1 vol. | Clarke, W. P., 1 vol. |
| Amherst College, 3 vols. | Codman, Miss Martha C., 3 vols. |
| Anonymous, 7 pphs. | Collis, Mrs. C. H. T., 3 vols. |
| Bailey, Prof. W. Whitman, 1 vol. | Connecticut State Library, 3 vols.,
3 pphs. |
| Baker, Darius, 53 vols. | Cornell University, 1 pph. |
| Barnard, Mrs. Augusta, 3 vols. | Cottrell, Dr. S. P., 8 vols. |
| Best, Mrs. C. L., 18 vols., 11 periodicals. | Cox, Miss Ethel Louise, 1 vol. |
| Betton, Miss E., 1 vol. | Crocker, G. G., 1 vol. |
| Bliss, P. 24 vols., 11 periodicals. | DeBlois, and Eldridge, Messrs., 1 pph. |
| Betton, Miss E., 1 vol. | DeKoven, Mrs. Reginald, 1 periodical. |
| Bliss, R. 24 vols., 11 periodicals. | Ellery, Henrietta C., 1 vol. |
| Bliss, Mrs. R., 4 vols. | Emmons, A. B., 18 vols., 1 pph. |
| Blodgett, Hon. John T., 1 pph. | Emmons, Mrs. A. B., 1 vol. |
| Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph. | Essex Institute, 1 pph. |
| Boston Port and Seaman's Aid Society, 1 pph. | Executive Committee on the 250th
Anniversary of the Settlement of
Jews in the United States, 1 vol. |
| Boston Public Library, 1 vol. | Executor of Estate of Pliny Earle, M.
D., 1 vol. |
| Boston Registry Department, 4 vols.,
1 pph. | Fairmount Park Art Association, 1
pph. |
| Bowler, Nodiah Potter, 1 vol. | Fearing, D. B., 3 periodicals. |
| Braumüller, Wilhelm, 1 vol. | Field Museum of Natural History, 1
vol., 5 pphs. |
| Brown University, 2 periodicals. | Franklin, Robert S., 3 vols. |
| Bunker Hill Monument Association,
1 pph. | Franklin, Miss Ruth B., 1 pph. |
| Burrows, Charles W., 1 pph., 1 photogravure. | Furness, Miss L., 1 pph. |
| Carnegie Library [Charlotte, N. C.,]
1 pph. | Gibbs, Mrs. T. K., 12 periodicals. |
| | Gibbs, W., 2 vols., 9 pphs., 1 periodical,
1 broadside. |

- Gifford, A. W., 1 vol.
 Ginn Co., Messrs., 1 pph.
 Gould, Levi S., 1 vol.
 Green, Dr. S. A., 7 pph.
 Harvard University, 2 vols.
 Hawaii Promotion Committee, 1 pph.,
 1 periodical.
 Hedges, Col. Sidney, M., 1 vol.
 Hénin, B. L., 1 vol.
 Heywood, Wm. S., and Abbie B., 3
 vols.
 Home Market Club, 3 pphs.
 Howland, Mrs. Joseph, 1 vol.
 Hyde, Rev. C. W., 1 vol.
 Indian Rights Association, 4 pphs.
 Interstate Commerce Commission,
 1 vol.
 Juny, Rev. E., 1 vol.
 Lake Mohonk Arbitration Confer-
 ence, 2 pphs.
 Langley, A. G., 3 vols., 36 pphs.
 Lee, Ivy L., 9 pphs.
 Lee, Misses Louisa and Georgiana
 S., 1 vol.
 Library of Congress, 3 vols., 34 pphs.
 Luce, Admiral S. B., 1 vol., 3 pphs.
 Lull, Herbert W., 1 pph.
 Marvin, Frederic Rowland, 2 vols.
 Mass. Commissioner of Public Rec-
 ords, 1 pph.
 Mass. Historical Society, 1 vol.
 Mass. Institute of Technology, 1 vol.
 Mass. Lodge of Free Masons, 5 pphs.
 McKean Thomas, 1 vol.
 Merchants' Association of N. Y.,
 3 pphs.
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1 pph.
 Michigan Department of Health, 2
 vols., 8 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Miller, Kelly, 1 pph.
 Newcomb, H. T., 1 pph.
 New England Society of New York,
 1 pph.
 Newport Bureau of Information, 1
 pph.
 Newport Charity Organization Soci-
 ety, 1 pph.
 Newport City, 2 vols.
 Newport Hospital, 1 pph.
 Newport School Department, 1 vol.,
 1 pph.
 New York Chamber of Commerce,
 2 vols.
 New York State Education Depart-
 ment, 3 vols.
 New York State Library, 7 vols., 12
 pphs.
 New Zealand Department of Tourist
 and Health Resorts, 1 vol., 1
 pph., 3 periodicals.
 Nichols, C. W. de Lyons, 1 vol.
 Peckham, T. P., 1 pph.
 Peckham, W. G., 1 periodical.
 Pennsylvania Prison Society, 1 peri-
 odical.
 Perkins Institution for the Blind, 1
 pph.
 Phillips Exeter Academy, 3 pphs.
 Porter, Rev. E. H., 3 vols.
 Potter, Mrs. E. T., 2 vols.
 Potter, William H., 1 pph.
 Powell, Miss M. E., 1 vol.
 Pumpelly, Prof. Raphael, 1 vol.
 R. I. Board of State Charities, and
 Corrections, 2 vols.
 R. I. Commissioner of Public Schools,
 1 vol.
 R. I. Executive Department of State,
 1 pph.
 R. I. Medical Society, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 R. I. School of Design, 1 pph.
 R. I. State Board of Health, 1
 vol.
 Rosengarten, J. G., 1 pph.
 Salmagundi Club, 1 pph.

- Smithsonian Institution, 3 vols., 4 pphs.
 Spencer, C. A. W., 1 vol.
 Stevens, Mrs. H. L., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Texas State Historical Association, 2 pphs., 1 periodical.
 Thorpe, Mrs. E. T. E., 1 vol.
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 U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1 pph., 1 periodical.
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 U. S. War Department, 2 vols.
 Volckmar, F., 1 pph.
 Wetmore, G. P., 10 vols.
 Whitehouse, William F., 1 vol.
 Wilson, George H., (Pittsburg Orchestra), 16 pphs.
 Woolsey, Miss T. W., 17 pphs.
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1 pph.
 Yale University, 2 vols.

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REPORTS.

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BULLETINS.

Boston Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Chicago Public Library, Cincinnati Public Library, Concord Public Library, Grand Rapids Public Library, Helena Public Library, Jersey City Public Library, J. Herman Bosler Memorial Library, Narragansett Library Association, New York Mercantile Library Association, New York Society Library, Philadelphia Free Library, Philadelphia Library Co., Pratt Institute Free Library, St. Louis Public Library, San Francisco Public Library, Trenton Public Library, Warren Co. [Ill.] Library, Worcester Public Library.

List of Proprietors

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share		Share
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Hone, Robert S., Estate,	1
Ashurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.,		Honey, Samuel R.	1
Estate,	1	Hunter, Anna F.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Jessup, Alfred D.	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs. H. R.		Johnson, Mrs. Minnie A.	1
Lyman)	1	Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	King, LeRoy, Estate,	1
Brown, Mrs. John Carter,	1	King, Peter,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	Lorillard, Louis L.	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	McLeod, Angus	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Malcolm, Rev. C. H., Estate,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Marquand, Henry G., Estate,	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Martin, Mrs. Cornelia S.	1
Cottrell, Mrs. Ellen	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Emmons, Mrs. Julia W.	1	Morse, E. Rollins	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Norman, George H., Estate.	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Perry, Gardner B., Estate,	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Pierson, J. Frederick	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M.		Powel, Samuel, Estate,	1
Thompson)	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Godbold, Mrs. Martha S.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Grosvenor, Rosa A.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
Hillhouse, Mrs. Charles B.	1	Sherman, Mrs. William S.	1
Hoffman, Charles T.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1

	Share		Share
Spooner, George	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Smith, Howard, Estate,	1	Tucker, Mrs, Susan E.	1
Staigg, Mrs. Annie	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex, Estate,	1
Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1	Vanderbilt, Mrs. Cornelius	1
Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1	Webster, Sidney	1
Stewart, Lisperard	1	Wells, Williams Storrs	1
Swan, J. Andrews	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1	Wetmore, Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Taylor, Henry A. C.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody,	1
Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1	Wetmore, William B.	2
Thaw, Benjamin	1	Willet, Edward M., Estate,	1
Thayer, Nathaniel	1	Woodward, Mrs. James T.	1
Tompkins, Frederick	1	Wysong, John J.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

	Share		Share
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1
Almon, Andrew B. Estate,	1	Brown, John Carter, Estate,	1
Arnold, Dr. Fred A.	1	Brownell, Lucy P.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Buffum, William P.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Burdick, J. Truman	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Burlingham, Hiram W.	1
Baker, Darius	1	Bush, John T., Estate,	2
Bancroft, John C., Estate,	1	Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	2
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Chase, P. Coggeshall	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Chase, Ellen	1
Barker, Robert S., Estate,	2	Clarke, H. Audley	4
Birkhead, Dr. James	1	Clarke, Mrs. William P.	1
Bispham, G. T. et al., Trustees,	1	Coggeshall, Dr. Henry	1
Bliss, Richard	1	Coggeshall, Mrs. Jennie B.	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Cornell, Ellen	1
Bowen, Stephen, Estate,	1	Cottrell, Annie	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher F.	1	Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Covell, William W.	1
Bradley, Frederick	1	Cozzens, John H., Estate,	1

	Share		Share
Cozzens, William C., Estate	2	Hazard, Mrs. Delia C.	1
Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1	Hazard, Misses E., A. C., & R.	1
Crandall, Carrie W.	1	Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3
Curtis, Henry A.	1	Hazard, John A., Estate (of T. G.),	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hazard, Mary A.	1
Dennis, Mrs. Mary E., Estate,	1	Horton, Jeremiah W.	1
Dennis, Sarah B.	1	Howland, Mrs. Florence K.	1
Denniston, George, Estate,	1	Hunter, Thomas R., Estate,	1
D'Hauteville Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Huntington, Oliver W.	1
Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1	Huntington, Mrs. Ellen B.	1
Dunn, Theophilus C., Estate,	1	Kane, Delancy, Estate,	8
Dunn, Thomas	1	Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2
Dyer, Herbert L.	1	King, David, Estate,	5
Edgar, William, Estate,	1	King, Mrs. Ella Rives	1
Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3	King, George Gordon	4
Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1	King, Mrs. Mary A.	3
Ellis, Helen	2	Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Ladd, Mrs. Carrie V.	1
Emmons, Mrs. Julia B.	1	Ladd, Jeanne S.	1
Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1	Langley, Alfred G.	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	4	Langley, William C., Estate,	1
Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1
Foster, Fanny	2	Lawton, George, Estate,	1
Franklin, Robert M.	1	Lawton, William H.	1
Franklin, Ruth B.	1	Leavitt, Mary F.	1
Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Estate,	4	Ledyard, Lewis C.	1
Gardner, Martha E.	1	Leslie, John R.	1
Gibbes, Emily O.	1	Lippitt, Charles W.	1
Gibbs, Wolcott	1	Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1
Gillen, Charles A.	1	Lyman, Charles F. Estate,	1
Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1	Marin, Matthias C., Estate,	1
Greene, George W., Estate,	1	Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1
Greene, William Brenton, Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2
Griswold, John N. A.	4	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Hammett, Charles E., Jr., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Hammett, Fred. M.	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Hammett, James H., Estate,	1	Newton, Dudley	1
Hazard, Benjamin Estate,	1	Newton, Edward, Estate,	1
Hazard, Charlotte T., (Mrs. John M. Cross),	1	Newton, Caroline	1
		Paine, John, Estate,	1
		Parkman, George F.	3

	Share		Share
Peckham, Antoinette S.	1	Stevens, William, Estate,	1
Peckham, Henry S., Estate,	2	Stewart, Anthony	1
Peckham, Thomas P.	1	Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden, Estate,	1	Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1
Perkins, Charles C., Estate,	1	Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	2	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Pierson, J. Fred.	3	Tilley, Risbrough H.	1
Pinniger, David T.	1	Tilton, Frederick W.	1
Potter, Charles, Estate,	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Powel, John Hare	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Powel, Samuel, Jr., Estate,	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
Richards, Benjamin H., Estate,	1	Underwood, William J. Estate,	1
Richardson, John D., Estate,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Rider, Philip, Estate,	1	Vaughn, George H.	1
Rives, Dr. William C.	1	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3	Ward, F. Augustus	1
Seabury, T. Mumford,	1	Ward, Henry N., Estate,	1
Sheffield, William P.	9	Weaver, George Norman	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Weaver, John G., Estate,	1
Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1	Weld, William G., Estate,	1
Sherman, Dr. William A.	1	Wetmore William B.	2
Sherman, Dr. William S.	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Sherman, Mrs. William S.	1	White, Catherine	1
Simmons, Eliza P.	1	Whitridge, John C.	1
Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Smith, Mary I., and Elizabeth B.	1	Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	1
Southwick, J. M. K.	1	Wilks, Nina M.	1
Spencer, Edward L.	1	Willard, Elisha W., Estate,	1
Spencer, Lorillard	1	Wilson, J. Hazard,	1
Spooner, George	2	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Stevens, Mrs. Martha A.	1	Wright, James T.	1

Life Members.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24, 1879 it was *Voted*, that all who have in the past, or who may hereafter pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

Agassiz, Alexander
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchess de
Dunn, Thomas,
Gibbs, Theodore K.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederick
King, Mrs. Edward
King, George Gordon
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry

Mason, Ellen F.
Mason, Ida M.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pierson, J. Fred
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C..
Rogers, Daniel
Sheffield, William P., Jr,
Sheldon, Frederick
Stevens, Frederick W.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Ward, Henry Galbraith
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, Joseph

CHARTER.

COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven :

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible; to which end James Honeyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning; which they have accordingly done, &c: whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Company do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honeyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times forever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments in fee simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be forever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices, and other persons whatsoever, in all man-

ner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport, due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company or one-fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them or the major part of them. to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof, and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues as also all the business and affairs of said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders and constitution, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor,

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary.*

THE CHARTER AS AMENDED IN 1856.

An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company ; viz. :—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company, at the Library-room, on the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock p. m. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors ; or upon request made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meetings.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation ; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library ; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the company; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14.—*The President*.—He shall have a general superintendence of the Library; shall preside at the meetings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary; and shall himself be a director *ex-officio*.

ART. 15.—*The Directors*.—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the Island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regulations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

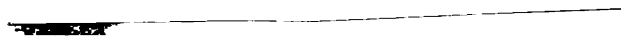
ART. 17.—*The Secretary.*—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the Company; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.





FORM OF A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Company of
the Redwood Library and Athenæum, located in the
City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the sum
of _____ dollars, to be applied to the
uses and purposes of said Institution.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum

NEWPORT, R. I.

(INCORPORATED A. D. 1747.)

TO THE PROPRIETORS

Submitted Wednesday, July 17, 1907.

NEWPORT, R. I.
WARD PRINTING COMPANY.
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OF THE
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1907 - 1908

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DANIEL B. FEARING.

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SECRETARY:
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

TREASURER:
THOMAS P. PECKAM.
RICHARD BLISS, LIBRARIAN.

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STEPHEN B. LUCE, GEORGE G. KING,
ARTHUR B. EMMONS.

ON BOOKS:

GEORGE G. KING, W. WATTS SHERMAN,
DANIEL B. FEARING, WILLIAM P. BUFFUM,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS, ELLEN F. MASQN.

ON FINANCE:

GEORGE G. KING, FREDERICK TOMPKINS,
ANGUS McLEOD.

ON PICTURES AND STATUARY:

GEORGE G. KING, DANIEL B. FEARING,
WILLIAM P. BUFFUM, J. FRED PIERSON.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS:

G. NORMAN WEAVER, DARIUS BAKER,
ANGUS McLEOD.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, G. NORMAN WEAVER.

ON REPAIRS AND EXPENDITURES:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, ANGUS McLEOD,
FREDERICK TOMPKINS, ELIZABETH A. SWINBURNE.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

Wednesday, July 17, 1907.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, July 17, 1907, at three o'clock p. m.

The President, Arthur B. Emmons, in the chair. A quorum of Shareholders in person and by proxy being present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Report of the Directors to the Shareholders was read, also the Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian. Upon motion they were accepted, and five hundred copies of the various Reports, together with such other matter as is usual, were ordered to be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following named persons were proposed and unanimously elected members of the Company: Mrs. Sarah V. H. Berwind, William E. Dennis, Mrs. William Glyn, Delancey A. Kane, Miss Elizabeth B. Peckham, Miss Martha B. Rider, Mrs. Ellen T. Wilks, Miss Mary Adams Willard, Wilder D. Bancroft.

The following officers were then elected :

President, Arthur B. Emmons.

Vice-President, Daniel B. Fearing.

Secretary, Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Treasurer, Thomas B. Peckham.

Directors : —

Darius Baker,	J. Fred Pierson,
William P. Buffum,	William P. Sheffield,
Delancey A. Kane,	W. Watts Sherman,
George Gordon King,	Elizabeth H. Swinburne,
Stephen B. Luce,	Frederick Tompkins,
Ellen F. Mason,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Angus McLeod,	G. Norman Weaver.

Upon motion it was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

Upon motion it was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

William P. Buffum and Jeremiah W. Horton were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

Secretary.

Annual Report of the Directors

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

JULY 17, 1907.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present their Annual Report for the year ending July 1st, 1907.

The year just passed has been singularly uneventful in the life of the Library, and we have nothing of special importance to record in regard to it.

The use of the Library has continued to be about the same as in the preceding year. The financial condition has not improved, and the inadequacy of the income applicable to incident account makes itself increasingly felt. This income is barely sufficient to pay the actual running expenses, and the margin is so small that very little expenditure for repairs that are absolutely necessary exhausts it, and therefore no provision can be made for the payment of the insurance premiums which fall due every three or five years, and toward which an annual appropriation ought to be made, so that though there is an apparent credit balance, we are really not meeting our actual expenses. This is leaving out of account altogether larger repairs long needed to put the building in proper condition, but which have had to be allowed to remain unattended to for want of funds. The boiler which was put in four years ago not having come up to the representations of the makers,

they made an offer to replace it with a larger boiler of a more approved type allowing cost price for the old boiler. This was such an advantageous opportunity that it was deemed best to avail ourselves of it. The new boiler gives much better results in extreme weather.

The appeal made in last year's report to have the shares standing in the name of estates transferred to some person living has met with small response and only two such transfers have been made. This still leaves eighty-nine shares, out of a total of two hundred and sixty-two shares, standing in the names of deceased holders.

By the death of the Hon. William P. Sheffield the Library has lost its oldest officer and friend, and one who has been associated with the Library for over half a century, having first become a shareholder in 1853. He was elected Director in 1859 and has been a member of the Board ever since up to the time of his death. The Board has given expression to its deep sense of loss in a set of resolutions which have been printed with this report.

The reports of the Librarian and Treasurer are submitted herewith and reference is made to them for full particulars in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,
President.

Preamble and Resolutions

WHEREAS, This Board has learned with profound sorrow of the death, since its last meeting, of WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, LL. D., who was for over fifty years a stockholder in this institution, and since 1859 continuously a member of its Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, It is but fitting owing to the conspicuous prominence of Mr. Sheffield in this community, as an able and faithful advocate, and honored as he had been by his fellow citizens as their representative in the councils of the State and Nation, that some expression of our regard for his distinguished abilities and our sense of loss, should be placed upon our records, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the death of Mr. Sheffield the Library has been deprived of one of its most efficient members, and whose services in its behalf, through a long series of years, will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

RESOLVED, That we, who were more intimately associated with him on this Board, will greatly miss his welcome presence, and deplore the loss of his counsel and advice in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Library.

RESOLVED, That these Resolutions be printed in the next Annual Report, and a copy be sent, by the Secretary, to the family of the deceased.

Dr.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account

1906.				
July 29.	To balance from former account :			
	" Credit Incidental Account,	\$327	67	
	" " Book Account,	1,060	56	
	" " Special Reference Book Account,	13	02	
	" " G. H. Norman Special Book "	7	95	
				\$1,409 20
	" Receipts for incidental Account :			
	" " from 170 taxes,	680	00	
	" " Subscriptions,	406	00	
	" " Fines,	49	08	
	" " Int. on Deposit Newpt. Tr. Co.,	27	25	
	" " Current Expense Funds,	782	50	
	" " Special Pref. Share Fund,	118	52	
	" " W. H. Potter Fund,	85	50	
	" " Le Roy King Fund,	40	40	
	" " George W. Gibbs Fund,	114	88	
	" " Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	383	00	
	" " Martha M. Anderson "	40	40	
	" " Orleana R. C. Pell "	88	77	
	" " George H. Norman "	46	38	
	" " W. G. Weld "	40	40	
	" " Mary L. King "	80	00	
	" " Mary A. King "	40	40	
				3,023 48
	" " Sale of Preferred Share :			
	Mrs. E. J. Berwind,			100 00
	" " Book Account :			
	" " 170 taxes,	170	00	
	" " H. A. R. Carey Fund,	250	00	
	" " Gen. Geo. W. Cullum Fund,	205	80	
	" " W. S. Rogers Fund,	153	18	
	" " John Carter Brown Fund,	191	48	
	" " David King Fund,	176	98	
	" " Littlefield Fund,	40	00	
	" " John Nicholas Brown Fund,	241	11	
	" " George G. King Fund,	40	40	
	" " Robert Roger Fund,	40	40	
				1,509 35
				\$6,042 03

with the Redwood Library and Athenaeum.

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1906-7.

By Payments for Incidental Account,	\$3,243 69
" " Book Account,	1,444 62
Deposit Industrial Trust Co., Pref. Share Fund,	100 00
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	\$4,788 31

1907.

July 1. By Balance Newport Trust Co., to credit Inci-	
dental Account,	\$107 46
Book Account,	1,125 29
Special Reference Book Account,	13 02
G. H. Norman Special Book Account,	7 95
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	1,253 72

\$6,042 03

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,

Treasurer.

Memorandum of Funds.

John Carter Brown Book Fund.....	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers Book Fund.....	4,000 00
Robert Rogers Book Fund.....	1,000 00
George G. King Book Fund.....	1,000 00
David King Book Fund.....	4,000 00
Gen. George W. Cullum Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld Book Fund.....	776 17
John Nicholas Brown Book Fund.....	5,000 00
Littlefield Book Fund.....	1,000 00
H. R. A. Carey Book Fund.....	5,000 00
George H. Calvert Special Fund.....	171 07
William H. Potter, Incidental Expense Fund.....	2,188 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund.....	326 23
Le Roy King General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund.....	10,000 00
Martha M. Anderson Fund.....	1,000 00
Oileana R. E. Pell Fund.....	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund.....	1,025 00
W. G. Weld General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Mary Le Roy King Fund.....	2,000 00
Mrs. Mary A. King Fund.....	1,000 00
Town and Country Club Fund.....	1,530 62
Catalogue Printing Fund.....	209 28
Current Expense Fund.....	17,522 11
Special Preferred Share Fund.....	3,081 29
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund.....	3,000 00
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	\$78,830 02

Memorandum of Investments.

Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport.....	\$10,201 62
“ “ Industrial Trust Co.....	8,787 15
“ “ Newport Trust Co.....	5,000 00
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal Gold 5% 1914.....	3,000 00
East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R. R. Con. 5% Gold 1956..	2,000 00
Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% 1st Con. Gold 1931	1,000 00
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 1st Gold 5% 1939.....	2,000 00
St. Louis & Iron Mountains R. R. Gen'l Con. 5% Gold 1931....	2,000 00
Lehigh Valley, R. R. Terminal 1st 5% Gold 1941.....	3,000 00
Houston & Texas R. R. 6% Gold Con Mort. 1912.....	1,000 00
Central R. R. of N. J. 5% Gold Gen'l Mort. 1987.....	3,000 00
Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co. 4% Gold Con. Mort. 1937.....	2,000 00
Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5% Gold 1921.....	2,000 00
Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5% 1st Con. 1922.....	1,000 00
Denver & Rio Grande R. R. 1st Con. 4% Gold 1936, \$10,000 cost.	10,112 50
Union Pacific R. R. 1st Mort. 4% Gold 1947, \$7,000 cost.....	7,358 75
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 3½% Gold 1925, \$10,000 cost.....	9,425 00
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R. R. 4%.....	1,000 00
Northern Pacific R. R. 4% 1907.....	3,000 00
Louisville & Nashville R. R. 4% 1923, \$2,000 cost.....	1,945 00
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	\$78,830 02

Summary of Expenditures, Expense Account.

Post Office and Stamps.....	\$41 00
Stationery.....	31 13
Express.....	24 50
Printing.....	80 50
Binding.....	9 95
Advertising.....	3 50
Water, 1905 1906-1906-7.....	22 00
Gas.....	45 03
Safe Deposit Box.....	5 00
Care of Grounds.....	119 00
Fuel.....	231 00
Repairs.....	216 28
Cataloguing.....	158 00
Janitor.....	63 00
Charwoman.....	79 00
Miss Friend, Clerk.....	374 00
Miss Gosling, Clerk.....	390 00
R. Bliss, Librarian.....	1,300 80
T. P. Peckham, Treasurer.....	50 00
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	\$3,243 69

Insurance.

Scottish Union & National Insurance Co. Edinburg, H. Bull, Jr. Agt. Building Expires Jan. 28, 1908	\$3,000 00
Queen Ins. Co. of America, H. Bull, Jr., Agt. Building and Books. Expires Dec. 23, 1909.....	4,500 00
German Insurance Co. of New York, De Blois & Eldridge, Agts. Building. Expires Dec. 28, 1909.	10,000 00
Northern Insurance Co. of London, England, H. Bull Jr., Agt., Books. Expires Jan. 5, 1910.....	4,500 00
The American Insurance Co. Newark, N. J. H. Bull, Jr., Agt. Books.....	\$3,000 00
Paintings and Statuary..	1,500 00
Furniture and Fixtures..	500 00
Expires July 1, 1909.....	4,000 00
Phoenix Insurance Co., Brooklyn, H. Bull, Jr., Agt., Building. Ex- pires Jan. 17, 1911.....	5,000 00

Librarian's Report

To the Directors of the Redwood Library :

GENTLEMEN: Herewith is presented the twenty-fifth annual report of the Librarian on the condition of the library, with statistics, for the year 1906-1907.

The accession of books in the library during the past year has been marked by no unusual increase either in purchases or donations — the growth having been merely normal. The number of books added by purchase has exceeded that of the year before by sixty-two volumes, while the number of books given has been considerably less — the difference being 226 volumes. Of the donations, 88 volumes were Government publications from the Superintendent of Documents and other departments of the Government, 93 topographic map sheets and 13 geologic folios from the U. S. Geological Survey, and 46 volumes, chiefly theological, from the Rev. Walter Lowrie. The number of works of fiction purchased was considerably larger than that of the previous year, being over three-eighths of the total purchases — to wit, 154 volumes.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the fiscal year now closed :

No. of Volumes in the Library, July 18, 1906.....	49,042
No. of Volumes added by purchase.....	389
No. of Volumes added by gift.....	288
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Total in the Library, July 1, 1907.....	49,719
Pamphlets, broadsides, etc., added	281
Odd numbers of Periodicals added.....	87
Continuations.....	50

The home circulation of books remains about the same as for the past three years, though it was somewhat less than for the year immediately preceding. This is not shown in the table of comparative circulation below, since, owing to the change in the date of the annual meeting last year, only eleven months were counted in calculating the circulation for that year. The proportion of fiction in the annual circulation this year is 66.7 per cent.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation :

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
14,501	15,422	16,557	17,703	17,886	15,958	15,634	14,765	14,390	14,257	14,889

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

Philosophy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Religion, Theology, Ecclesiastical History,	.	.						108
Biography,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	567
History,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	446
Geography, Description, Travels,	.	.						407
Political and Social Science, Education, Law,	.	.						73
Physical and Natural Science,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	107
Useful Arts, Sports, Military and Naval Arts,	.	.						104
Theatre, Music,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	107
Fine Arts,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	111
Literature (General Works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	.							543
Periodicals (bound volumes),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	83
Periodicals (numbers),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,968
Fiction,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,939
Poetry, Drama,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	134
Literary History, Bibliography,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	122
Language,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Miscellaneous,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21

As the finances of the library are still not sufficient to permit even a moderate expenditure for binding, practically no work of this sort has been done for the library during the past year.

The cataloguing of the year has comprised not only the current accessions, but most of the books that were not included in the work of the previous year. Mrs. Bliss states that she has catalogued 1,343 volumes since the last report. This exceeds the cataloguing of the previous year by 153 volumes.

For many years past this library has been the recipient of most of the publications issued by the United States Government, and, of late, has been considered as one of the "designated depositories" of public documents. About ten or eleven years ago the distribution of these documents, which hitherto we had received from the Superintendent of the Interior and other offices, was consigned to the Superintendent of Documents, and since then most of the documents that we have received have been sent directly from that office.

Until within a recent period the publications thus received have been gifts to the library, with no restrictions as to their use by the proprietors of the library. By a recent enactment of Congress, however, of a law defining the distribution of these documents, the books and pamphlets which we have been receiving from the Superintendent of Documents are no longer the property of this library, but are stamped with the words "Property of the United States," and, presumably, can be recalled by the Government whenever it sees fit. Furthermore Congress restricts the use of these books to the library building itself, and forbids their being loaned outside of its walls.

As a result of this absurd law our library is made merely a storage-room for the ever increasing deposits of Government

lumber. We have to pay for shelving, or accessible storage, of hundreds of volumes — some valuable but most of them of no earthly use outside the walls of Congress, if even there — as well as to bear the cost of cataloguing a quantity of congressional “junk,” which we do not own and which we are not permitted to circulate among our readers.

In view of the fact that these Government publications were crowding out our other books, and threatening to overwhelm the stack-room with matter for much of which we have no use, it seemed undesirable that this library, with its very limited stack accommodations, should longer be made a storage-room for the Congressional output. Consequently the librarian declined to comply “with the limitation relative to the use of the books outside the library, whereupon (as was anticipated) the Superintendent of Documents promptly took it upon himself to erase the name of this library from the list of “designated depositories.”

Among the publications issued by the various departments of the Government there are a number that are really useful to us — such, for instance, as the publications of the Agricultural Department, the Bureau of Labor, the Census Bureau, the Surgeon General's office, and others. These we are able to obtain from the departments directly, and thus get what we need without encumbering our shelves with useless material.

The heirs of David King, M. D., have given to the library the original deed of conveyance of real estate executed by Abraham Redwood 3d, in 1834 — the said property being the homestead estate once occupied by his parents. No other gifts, aside from printed matter, have been made to the library during the past year.

The Librarian regrets, to say that the mutilation of the illustrated periodicals on the Reading Room tables has begun

again. As this mutilation is done chiefly, if not entirely, during the summer months, it seems reasonable to conclude that it is not the work of any of our regular readers, but of some of the short-term subscribers in the summer. Perhaps a printed notice of the penalty provided for such injury, as given in the General Laws of Rhode Island, hung up, conspicuously in the library, would act as a deterrent.

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken 1906-7.

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| <p>A. L. A. booklist, <i>From the American Library Association.</i>
 American anthropologist.
 American historical review.
 American Institute of Architects quarterly bulletin, <i>From the Institute.</i>
 American journal of archæology.
 American journal of science.
 American monthly.
 American monthly magazine, <i>From the Daughters of the American Revolution.</i>
 American naturalist.
 Annals of American Academy, <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Antiquary.
 Art journal.
 Army and Navy journal.
 Association review. <i>From F. W. Booth.</i>
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic monthly.
 Bimonthly bulletin of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>From A. B. Emmons.</i>
 Bird lore.
 Blackwood's magazine.
 Bookman.
 Bookseller.
 Boston daily advertiser.
 Boston daily herald.
 Boston transcript.
 Brown Alumni monthly. <i>From Brown University.</i>
 Bulletin American Geographical Society. <i>From D. B. Fearing.</i>
 Bulletin of bibliography. <i>From the Boston Book Co.</i>
 Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor, <i>From the U. S. Bureau of Labor.</i>
 Burlington magazine.
 Catalogue U. S. Public Documents, <i>From the Supt. of Documents.</i></p> | <p>Catholic World. <i>Gift.</i>
 Century.
 Chambers journal.
 Charities.
 Christian register. <i>From the Publisher.</i>
 Civic league bulletin. <i>From G. P. Wetmore.</i>
 Cloyne magazine. <i>From O. W. Huntington.</i>
 Collier's weekly.
 Columbia University Quarterly, <i>From Columbia University.</i>
 Contemporary review.
 Cornhill magazine.
 Country life, <i>From W. Gibbs.</i>
 Country life in America.
 Craftsman.
 Cumulative book index.
 Dial.
 Deutsche literaturzeitung.
 Edinburgh review.
 Educational review.
 English historical review.
 Federation bulletin.
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Geographical journal. <i>From F. Sheldon.</i>
 Geological magazine.
 Graphic.
 Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Indian's friend. <i>From the Women's Nat. Indian Association.</i>
 International studio.
 Journal des debats.
 Journal of American history.
 Knowledge.
 Kunst für alle.
 Library index.
 Library journal.
 Lippincott's magazine.</p> |
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- Littell's living age.
 McClure's magazine.
 Mail (London).
 Memorial de la librairie française.
 Modern language notes.
 Monthly review.
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
 Museum of Fine Arts bulletin. *From the Museum (Boston).*
 Musical standard.
 Nation.
 National geographic magazine.
 Nature.
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York sun.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and Queries (London).
 Ohio arch. and hist. quarterly. *From the Ohio State Arch. and Hist. Society.*
 Open court. *From A. Blight.*
 Our four-footed friends. *From the Animal Rescue League.*
 Outing.
 Outlook.
 Peterman's mittheilungen.
 Photo era.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home Market club.*
 Providence daily journal.
 Providence medical journal. *From the R. I. Medical Society.*
 Public libraries. *From R. Bliss.*
 Publisher's circular.
 Publisher's weekly.
 Punch.
 Putnam's monthly.
 Quarterly review.
 Readers' guide.
 Reliquary.
 Revue archéologique.
 Revue critique.
 Revue de synthèse historique.
 Revue des deux mondes.
 Revue musicale.
 Revue scientifique.
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday review.
 Science.
 Scientific American and Supplement.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Sitzungsab. der k. k. Akad. Berl. *From W. Gibbs.*
 Sketch.
 Southern workman. *From A. B. Emmons.*
 Spectator.
 Springfield weekly republican.
 Strand magazine. *From R. Bliss.*
 Tablet.
 Technological quarterly. *From Mrs. W. B. Rogers.*
 Transactions of the R. I. Medical Society. *From the Society.*
 Travelers' record. *From the publisher.*
 U. S. Patent Office gazette. *From the U. S. Patent Office.*
 Velhagen and Klasings monatshefte.
 Weather map daily. *From U. S. Weather Bureau, Providence.*
 World's work.

List of Donors to the Library

- Adams, Charles F., 1 pph.
 Agassiz, Alexander, 3 vols.
 American Anthropological Association, 1 pph., 2 periodicals.
 American Institute of Architects, 1 vol.
 American Irish Historical Society, 1 vol.
 American Philosophical Society, 1 vol.
 Amherst College, 1 vol.
 Anderson Co., John R., 1 pph.
 Anonymous, 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Bailey, Dr. W. W., 1 periodical.
 Balch, E. S., 1 vol.
 Balch, T. W., 1 vol.
 Bannon, Hon. Henry T., 1 pph.
 Berlin Photographic Co., 1 vol.
 Birkhead, Mrs. S., 1 vol.
 Bliss, K., 22 vols.
 Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 1 pph.
 Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society, 1 pph.
 Boston Public Library, 1 vol.
 Brown University, 4 vols., 1 periodical.
 Buffum, W. P., 1 vol.
 Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1 vol.
 Bushnell, W. G., 1 vol.
 Canada: Dept. of Interior, 7 maps.
 Canada: Geological Survey, 5 vols., 2 pphs., 13 maps.
 Canada: Supt. of Immigration, 1 vol.
 Carnegie, Andrew, 1 pph.
 Carnegie Free Library, [Braddock Penn.], 1 pph.
 Chadwick, Adm'l, F. E., 1 vol.
 Chicago Bureau of Statistics, 1 vol.
 Cincinnati Public Library, 2 pphs.
 Clews, Henry, 1 pph.
 Connecticut Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 vol.
 Connecticut State Library, 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Cottrell, Dr. S. P., 6 vols.
 Crocker, G. G., 5 vols. 4 pphs.
 Davis, Theodore M., 1 vol.
 Davos Public Interest Association 1 vol.
 Emmons, A. B., 3 vols.
 Fairmount Park Art Association, 1 pph.
 Fearing, D. B., 5 vols., 4 pphs., 54 periodicals.
 Foster, William E., 1 pph.
 Franklin, Robert S., 2 vols., 3 pphs.
 Franklin, Miss Ruth B., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, W., 2 vols, 5 pphs, 2 periodicals.
 Harvard University, 2 vols.
 Hawaii Promotion Committee, 1 pph.
 Home Market Club, 12 pphs., 4 leaflets.
 Indian Rights Association, 2 pphs.
 Interstate Commerce Commission, 1 vol.
 John B. Stetson University, 1 pph.
 Juny, Rev. E. D. S., 1 vol.

Library Publications from the following Libraries have been received

REPORTS.

Boston Public Library, Bronson Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Cambridge Public Library, Carnegie Free Library (Braddock), Chicago Public Library, Cincinnati Public Library, Concord Public Library, Dayton Public Library, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Forbes Library, Friends Free Library, Grand Rapids Public Library, Harvard College Library, Jacksonville Public Library, Lawrence Public Library, Newton Public Library, New York Mercantile Library Association, New York Society Library, Oberlin College Library, Peabody Institute (Baltimore), Philadelphia City Institute, Pratt Institute Free Library, Providence Athenaeum, Providence Public Library, Salem Public Library, Springfield City Library Association, St. Louis Public Library, Taunton Public Library, Trinity College Library.

BULLETINS.

Boston Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Cincinnati Public Library, Helena Public Library, Jersey City Public Library, J. Herman Bosler Memorial Library, New York Mercantile Library Association, New York Society Library, Philadelphia Library Co., Pratt Institute Free Library, St. Louis Public Library, University of Illinois Library, Warren Co. [Ill.] Library.

List of Proprietors

1ST. OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100.

Exempt from all assessment or taxation by the corporation.

	Share		Share
Anderson, Martha M., Estate,	1	Hoffman, Charles T.	1
Ashurst, Mrs. Elizabeth K.,		Hone, Robert S., Estate,	1
Estate,	1	Hunter, Anna F.	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Jessup, Alfred D.	1
Beekman, Helen (Mrs. H. B.		Johnson, Mrs. Minnie A.	1
Lyman)	1	Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer,	1
Berwind, Mrs. Sarah V. II.	1	Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	1
Briggs, H. Wallace, Estate,	1	King, LeRoy, Estate.	1
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., Estate,	1	King, Peter	1
Brown, Mrs. John Carter,	1	Ledyard, Henry, Estate,	1
Buffum, William P.	1	Lorillard, Louis L.	1
Butler, Samuel W., Estate,	1	McLeod, Angus	1
Caldwell, William S., Estate,	1	Macy, Seth W., Estate,	1
Carey, John, Jr., Estate,	1	Malcolm, Rev. C. H., Estate,	1
Caswell, Philip, Estate,	1	Marquand, Henry G., Estate,	1
Cooke, Joseph J., Estate,	1	Martin, Mrs. Cornelia S.	1
Cooke, Josiah P., Estate,	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	1
Cottrell, Mrs. Ellen	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Cozzens, William C., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Davis, Dr. Charles, Estate,	1	McCagg, Louis B.	1
Davis, Theodore M.	1	McCurdy, Robert H., Estate,	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Morse, E. Rollins	1
Emmons, Mrs. Julia W.	1	Norman, George H. Estate,	1
Fearing, Daniel B.	1	Parish, Daniel, Jr.,	1
Fearing, George R.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie R.	1	Perry, Gardner B., Estate,	1
Foster, Fanny	1	Pierson, J. Frederick	1
Gibbs, George W., Estate,	1	Powell, Samuel, Estate,	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. R. M.		Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Thompson)	1	Sands, Austin L., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Godbold, Mrs. Martha S.	1	Sherman, Annie A.	1
Grosvenor, Rosa A.	1	Sherman, Mrs. William S.	2
Hillhouse, Mrs. Charles B.	1	Sherman, William Watts	1

	Share		Share
Smith, Elizabeth B.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Spooner, George	1	Tucker, Mrs. Susan E.	1
Staigg, Mrs. Annie	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex, Estate,	1
Stanton, Dr. Nathaniel G.	1	Vanderbilt, Mrs. Cornelius	1
Stevens, Mrs. A. L. S.	1	Webster, Sidney	1
Stewart, Lisperard	1	Wells, Williams Storrs	1
Swan, J. Andrews	1	Wetmore, Annie D., Estate,	1
Swinburne, Elizabeth H.	1	Wetmore Mrs. Edith M. K.	1
Taylor, Henry A. C.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Taylor, Robert J., Estate,	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Thaw, Benjamin	1	Willet, Edward M., Estate,	1
Thayer, Nathaniel	1	Woodward, Mrs. Sarah A.	1
Tompkins, Frederick	1	Wysong, John J.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.

	Share		Share
Allan, Erastus P., Estate,	1	Brown, John Carter, Estate,	1
Almon, Andrew B. Estate,	1	Brownell, Lucy P.	1
Arnold, Dr. Fred A.	1	Buffum, William P.	1
Arnold, Mrs. Olney	1	Burdick, J. Truman	1
Auchincloss, Mrs. J. R.	1	Burlingham, Hiram W.	1
Bailey, Joseph I., Estate,	1	Bush, John T., Estate,	2
Baker, Darius,	1	Butler, Samuel, W., Estate,	2
Bancroft, Wilder D.	1	Chase, P. Coggeshall	1
Barker, Dr. C. F.	1	Chase, Ellen	1
Barker, Ralph R.	1	Clarke, Mrs. William P.	1
Barker, Robert S., Estate,	2	Coggeshall, Dr. Henry	1
Birkhead, Dr. James	1	Coggeshall, Mrs. Jennie B.	1
Bliss, Richard	1	Cornell, Ellen	1
Bokee, Margaret H.	1	Cottrell, Annie	1
Bowler, Mrs. Thatcher T.	1	Cottrell, Michael, Estate,	1
Bradford, Joseph, Estate,	1	Covell, William W.	1
Bradley, Frederick	1	Cozzens, John H., Estate,	1
Breese, Thomas, Estate,	1	Cozzens, William C., Estate,	2
Brinley, E. L., Estate, E. S. Page,	1	Crandall, Mrs. Abbie S.	1
Trustee,	1	Crandall, Carrie W.	1

	Share		Share
Curtis, Henry A.	1	Howland, Mrs. Florence K.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Hunter, Thomas R. Estate,	1
Dennis, William E.	1	Huntington, Mrs. Ellen B.	1
Dennis, Sarah B.	1	Kane, DeLancey, Estate,	6
Denniston, George, Estate,	1	Kane DeLancey A.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. F. S. G.	1	Kennedy, Robert L., Estate,	2
Downing, Benjamin F., Jr.,	1	King, David, Estate,	5
Dunn, Theophilus C. Estate,	1	King, Mrs. Ella Rives	1
Dunn, Thomas	1	King, George Gordon	4
Dyer, Herbert L.	1	King, Mrs. Mary A.	3
Edgar, William, Estate,	1	Knapp, Dr. Harry Jennings	1
Eldred, Mrs. Sarah H.	3	Ladd, Mrs. Carrie V.	1
Ellery, Mary G. and Henrietta C.	1	Ladd, Jeanne S.	1
Ellis, Helen	2	Langley, Alfred G.	1
Emmons, Arthur B.	1	Langley, William C., Estate,	1
Engs, Samuel, Estate,	1	Lawton, Edward W., Estate,	1
Fearing Daniel B.	4	Lawton, George, Estate,	1
Finch, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Lawton, William H.	1
Foster, Fanny	2	Leavitt, Mary F.	1
Franklin, Robert M.	1	Ledyard, Lewis C.	1
Franklin, Ruth B.	1	Leslie, John R.	1
Gammell, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Estate,	4	Lippitt, Charles W.	1
Gardner, Martha E.	1	Luce, Admiral Stephen B.	1
Gibbes, Emily O., Estate,	1	Lyman, Charles F., Estate,	1
Gibbs, Wolcott	1	Marin, Matthias C., Estate,	1
Gillen, Charles A.	1	Marsh, I. W. R., Estate,	1
Gillett, Dr. H. W.	1	Mason, Earl P., Estate,	2
Glyn, Mrs. William	1	Mason, Ellen F.	1
Greene, George W., Estate,	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Greene, William Brenton, Estate,	1	Newport Hospital,	1
Griswold, John N. A.	4	Newton, Edward, Estate,	1
Hammett, Charles E., Jr., Estate,	1	Newton, Caroline	1
Hammett, Fred M.	1	Paine, John, Estate,	1
Hammett, James H., Estate,	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Hazard, Benjamin, Estate,	1	Peckham, Antoinette S.	1
Hazard, Charlotte T., (Mrs. John		Peckham, Elizabeth B.	1
M. Cross),	1	Peckham, Henry S., Estate,	2
Hazard, Mrs. Delia C., Estate,	1	Peckham, Thomas P.	1
Hazard, Misses E., A. C., and R.	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden, Estate,	1
Hazard, Isaac P., Estate,	3	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Hazard, John A., Estate (of T. G.),	1	Pierson, J. Fred	3
Hazard, Mary A.	1	Pinniger, David T.	1
Horton, Jeremiah W.	1	Potter, Charles, Estate,	1

	Share		Share
Powel, John Hare	1	Tiffany, George, Estate,	2
Powel, Samuel, Jr., Estate,	1	Tilley, Risbrough H.	1
Richards, Benjamin H., Estate,	1	Tilton, Frederick W.	1
Richardson, John D., Estate,	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Rider, Martha B.	1	Townsend, Edmund J., Estate,	1
Rives, Dr. William C.	1	Tuckerman, Alfred	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	3	Underwood, William J., Estate,	1
Seabury, T. Mumford, Estate,	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex., Estate,	1
Sheffield, William P., Estate,	9	Vaughn, George H.	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Vernon, Samuel B., Estate,	1
Sherman, Susan B., Estate,	1	Ward, F. Augustus	1
Sherman, Dr. William A.	1	Ward, Henry O., Estate,	1
Sherman, Dr. William S.	1	Weaver, George Norman	1
Sherman, Mrs. William S.	1	Weaver, John G., Estate,	1
Simmons, Eliza P.	1	Weld, William G., Estate,	1
Slater, Mrs. E. H.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	2
Smith, Elizabeth B.	1	Wheeler, Mrs. Charles	1
Southwick, J. M. K.	1	White, Catherine	1
Spencer, Edward L.	1	Whitridge, John C.	1
Spencer, Lorillard,	1	Wilbour, Mary A.	1
Spooner, George	2	Wilbur, Mrs. G. V.	1
Stevens, Mrs. Martha A.	1	Wilks, Mrs. Ellen T.	1
Stevens, William, Estate,	1	Wilks, Nina M.	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Willard, Mary Adams	1
Storer, Dr. Horatio R.	1	Wilson, J. Hazard,	1
Taylor, Alex. O'D.	1	Woolsey, Theodora W.	1
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	1	Wright, James T.	1

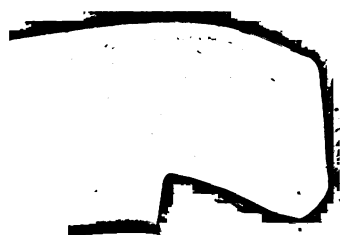
Life Members

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24, 1879 it was *Voted*, that all who have in the past, or who may hereafter pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100 for the benefit of the Library, shall become, and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

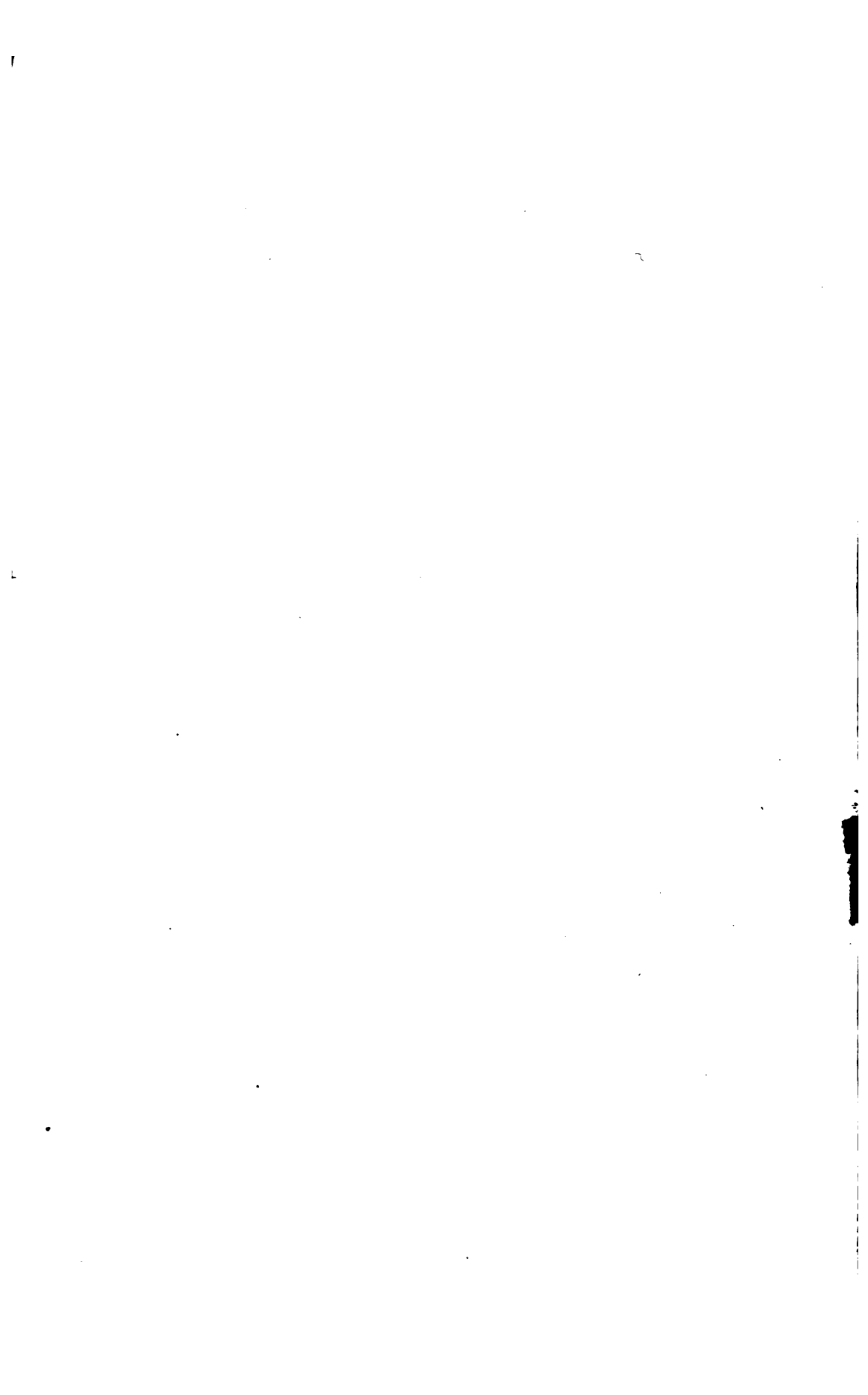
Agassiz, Alexander
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B. (Mrs. T. O. Richardson)
Bennett, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Channing, William F.
Dino, Duchess de
Dunn, Thomas,
Gibbs, Theodore K.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hunter, Anna F.
Kernochan, Frederick
King, Mrs. Edward
King, George Gordon
Low, Seth
Marquand, Henry

Mason, Ellen F.
Mason, Ida M.
Norris, William
Ogden, Francis L.
Parkinson, C. B.
Pierson, J. Fred
Potter, William H.
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Sheffield, William P.
Sheldon, Frederick
Stevens, Frederick W.
Thorn, Mrs. W. K.
Tompkins, Frederick
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Ward, Henry Galbraith
Weld, Mrs. William F.
Wetmore, George Peabody
Wharton, Joseph









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Redwood Library and Athenæum

1908-1909

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ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, FRENCH E. CHADWICK.

ON REPAIRS AND EXPENDITURES:

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY
OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

Wednesday, July 15, 1908.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library on Wednesday, July 15, 1908, at three o'clock P. M.

The President, Arthur B. Emmons, in the chair. A quorum of Shareholders in person and by proxy being present. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Report of the Directors to the Shareholders was read, also the Reports of the Treasurer and Librarian. Upon motion they were accepted, and five hundred copies of the various Reports, together with the paper read by the Librarian, Mr. Richard Bliss, before the Rhode Island Library Association, and such other matter as is usual, were ordered to be printed under the direction of the President and Secretary.

The following named persons were proposed and unanimously elected members of the Company: Caroline Augusta Dring, Annie Hare Powell, Nina M. Wilks, Edward A. Sherman, French E. Chadwick.

The following officers were then elected :

President, Arthur B. Emmons.

Vice-President, Daniel B. Fearing.

Secretary, Alfred G. Langley.

Treasurer, Thomas P. Peckham.

Directors:

Darius Baker,
William P. Buffum,
French E. Chadwick,
Delancey A. Kane,
George Gordon King,
Stephen B. Luce,
Ellen F. Mason,

Angus McLeod,
J. Fred. Pierson,
William P. Sheffield,
William S. Sherman,
W. Watts Sherman,
Elizabeth H. Swinburne,
Hamilton B. Tompkins.

Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins having declined a re-election as Secretary, was requested to act as such at this meeting, and, upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered him for his many years of service.

Upon motion it was voted that the Treasurer's accounts be audited before being printed.

The following resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board of Directors was presented:

"That the Board of Directors recommend to the shareholders, the disposition of the old medical books, Government reports and magazines, as advised by the Librarian."

After some discussion the matter, upon motion, was left to the new Board of Directors to dispose of such books and magazines as it may deem best.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the annual tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed against each share subject to assessment.

Upon motion it was voted that the salary of the Treasurer for the ensuing year be fifty dollars.

Mr. William P. Buffum and Mr. Jeremiah W. Horton were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the coming year.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,

Secretary pro tem.

Annual Report of the Directors

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM

JULY 15TH, 1908.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum present this brief report for the year ending July 1st, 1908.

The business depression of the past year would seem to have made itself felt even in the affairs of the Library, as the receipts from taxes on shares and subscriptions have both fallen off from what they were the year before, and the use of the Library, as indicated by the circulation, has also been somewhat smaller.

The loss to the Library by death during the year has been unusual, including two of its Directors, Frederick Tompkins and G. Norman Weaver, and several of its oldest friends, among whom were Frederick Sheldon and John Hare Powel. Frederick Tompkins was elected Director in 1896, and always felt a warm interest in the welfare of the Library. G. Norman Weaver was elected Director in 1898. Though not a director at the time of his death John Hare Powel had served as director from 1894 to 1898. While filling that position he always took an active interest in the affairs of the Library, and manifested a most liberal spirit, having on several occasions, when he saw repairs or improvements were needed, and appreciating the unfavorable financial condition of the Library, had the work done and paid for it out of his own pocket. Frederick

Sheldon, though never an officer of Library, was for very many years a daily visitor and patron during the summer months, and took a deep interest in its affairs, and remembered it handsomely in his will.

The Library has received the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars from the estate of the late Philander Shaw, which is a payment of 65 per cent. on account of a bequest of five thousand dollars. It is expected that the balance of the legacy will be received later.

The following bequests have been made to the Library but have not yet been paid: two thousand dollars from Frederick Tompkins; five thousand dollars from Frederick Sheldon, and one thousand dollars from Mrs. Frederick Sheldon. These bequests are most welcome, and being unrestricted the income from them can be applied, when needed, to incidental expenses, for which the present income is quite inadequate.

A present of 275 miscellaneous books has been received from Mrs. Thomas O. Richardson.

The paper on "The Newport Libraries," read by our Librarian, Mr. Bliss, before the spring meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association held here in May, met with so much favorable commendation that it was deemed best to have it published with this report.

The reports of the Librarian and Treasurer are submitted herewith and reference is made to them for full particulars in those departments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors,

ARTHUR B. EMMONS,

President.

Dr.

Thomas P. Peckham, Treasurer, in account

1907.			
July 1.	To balance from former account :		
	" credit Incidental Account,	\$107 46	
	" " Book Account,	1,125 29	
	" " Special Reference Book Account,	13 02	
	" " Geo. H. Norman Special Reference Book Account,	7 95	
			\$1,253 72
1907-8.	Receipts for Incidental Account :		
	" " from 154 taxes,	616 00	
	" " Subscriptions,	334 00	
	" " Fines,	39 30	
	" " Int. on Deposit Newpt. Tr. Co.,	30 70	
	" " Current Expense Funds,	810 90	
	" " Special Pref. Share Fund,	121 56	
	" " William H. Potter Fund,	98 00	
	" " Le Roy King Fund,	40 40	
	" " George W. Gibbs Fund,	114 88	
	" " Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund,	383 00	
	" " Martha M. Anderson Fund,	40 40	
	" " Orleans R. C. Pell Fund,	80 00	
	" " George H. Norman Fund,	41 00	
	" " William G. Weld Fund,	40 40	
	" " Mary L. King Fund,	80 00	
	" " Mary A. King Fund,	40 40	
			2,910 94
	Receipts for Book Account :		
	" " from 154 Taxes,	154 00	
	" " H. A. R. Carey Fund,	250 00	
	" " Gen'l George W. Cullum Fund,	230 80	
	" " W. S. Rogers Fund,	153 18	
	" " John Carter Brown Fund,	191 48	
	" " David King Fund,	176 98	
	" " Littlefield Fund,	40 00	
	" " John Nicholas Brown Fund,	200 00	
	" " George C. King Fund,	40 40	
	" " Robert Rogers Fund,	40 40	
			1,477 24
	" Received from Est. Philander Shaw 65% of the amount of his bequest to this Corporation,		3,250 00
			<u>\$8,891 90</u>

We have this day examined the memorandum of invested funds compared the same with the securities and find it to be correct.

J. W. HORTON, }
WM. P. BUFFUM, } *Auditors.*

July 14, 1908.

with the Redwood Library and Athenaeum.

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1907-8.		
By Payments for Incidental Account,		\$2,809 73
" " " Book Account,		1,570 87
" Deposit in Newport Trust Company on certificate of deposit on account Philander Shaw Bequest,		3,250 00
1908.		
June 30. By Balance in Newport Trust Co.,		
To credit Incidental Account,	\$208 67	
" " Book Account,	1,031 66	
" Special Reference Book Account,	13 02	
" credit G. H. Norman Special Refer- ence Book Account,	7 95	
	<hr/>	1,261 30

\$8,891 90

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PECKHAM,

Treasurer.

Memorandum of Funds.

John Carter Brown Book Fund.....	\$5,000 00
William S. Rogers " "	4,000 00
Robert Rogers " "	1,000 00
Geo. G. King " "	1,000 00
David King " "	4,000 00
Gen'l Geo. W. Cullum " "	5,000 00
Mrs. W. F. Weld " "	807 51
John Nicholas Brown " "	5,000 00
Littlefield " "	1,000 00
H. R. A. Carey " "	5,000 00
Geo. H. Calvert Special Fund.....	177 97
William H. Potter Incidental Expense Fund.....	2,188 25
William H. Potter Building and Improvement Fund.....	339 39
Le Roy King General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt Fund.....	10,000 00
Martha M. Anderson Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Oleana R. E. Pell Fund.....	2,000 00
George H. Norman Fund.....	1,025 00
W. G. Weld General Expense Fund.....	1,000 00
Mary Le Roy King Fund.....	2,000 00
Mary A. King Fund.....	1,000 00
Town and County Club Fund.....	1,592 44
Catalogue Printing Fund.....	217 72
Current Expense Fund.....	17,522 11
George W. Gibbs General Expense Fund.....	3,000 00
Philander Shaw Fund.....	3,250 00
Special Preferred Share Fund.....	3,081 29

\$82,201 68**Memorandum of Investments.**

Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport.....	\$10,323 28
" " Industrial Trust Co.....	8,787 15
" " Newport Trust Co.....	8,250 00
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Terminal 5% Gold 1914.....	3,000 00
East Tenn. Virginia & Georgia R. R. Con. 5% Gold 1956.....	2,000 00
Milwaukee Lake Shore & Western R. R. 6% Con. Gold 1931...	1,000 00
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R. 1st Gold 5% 1939.....	2,000 00
St. Louis & Iron Mountain R. R. Gen'l Con. 5% Gold 1931.....	2,000 00
Lehigh Valley R. R. Terminal 1st Mort. 5% Gold 1941.....	3,000 00
Houston & Texas R. R. 6% Gold Con. Mort. 1912.....	1,000 00
Central R. R. of New Jersey 5% Gold Gen'l Mort. 1987.....	3,000 00
Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co. 4% Gold Con. Mort. 1937.....	2,000 00
Chicago & West Mich. R. R. 5% Gold 1921.....	2,000 00
Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. 5% First Con. 1922....	1,000 00
Denver & Rio Grande R. R. 1st Con. 4% Gold \$10,000 Cost....	10,112 50
Union Pacific R. R. 1st Mort. 4% Gold 1947 \$7,000 Cost.....	7,358 75
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 3 1/4% Gold 1925 \$10,000 Cost.....	9,425 00
St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba R. R. 4%.....	1,000 00
Northern Pacific R. R. 4% 1997.....	3,000 00
Louisville & Nashville R. R. 4% 1923 \$2,000 Cost.....	1,945 00

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Librarian's Report.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

GENTLEMEN: Herewith is presented the twenty-sixth annual report of the Librarian on the condition of the library, with statistics, for the year 1907-1908.

This year the number of books received, both from purchases and donations is considerably larger than for several of the preceding years. The purchases number 456 volumes, and the gifts 650 volumes; making a total of 1,106 volumes added during the year. This brings the whole number of volumes now in the library to 50,825.

The donations—which are nearly three times as large as last year—include a valuable gift of 275 handsomely bound volumes, both books of general literature and magazines, in perfect condition from Mrs. T. O. Richardson. The names of donors of books and pamphlets, and the number of the same, will be found at the end of this report. The number of works of fiction bought is 120 volumes.

The following table shows the growth of the library during the fiscal year now closed:

No. of volumes in the Library, July 1, 1907.....	49,719
No. of volumes added by purchase.....	456
No. of volumes added by gift.....	650
 Total in the Library, July 1, 1908.....	 20,825
Pamphlets, broadsides, etc., added.....	142
Odd numbers of Periodicals added.....	46

The home circulation during the year shows a considerable falling off in the number of books borrowed—only 14,503 volumes having been taken out, which is 386 less than during the previous year. The decline is greatest in the department of fiction, and correlates with the less number of novels purchased. It is not easy to account for the decline, during the past five or six years, in the number of books borrowed, especially as the library has kept pace, so far as its resources permitted, with the publications of the day. However, statistics of circulation are eminently misleading. They are no indication of the usefulness of a library or of the importance of the books on its shelves. The scale of circulation may be raised or lowered from year to year by the character of the books bought. If, for example, this library were to buy three or four times as many novels as it does at present, the statistics of circulation for the following year would show a decided increase. In view of this fact one might venture to advance the paradox that a diminution of circulation is (other things being equal) an index of the increased value of the purchases. Books of a non-ephemeral character demand a longer time for reading, and hence are not as frequently exchanged as the lighter literature of fiction. Thus the circulation shows an apparent falling off in interest, when, in reality, the library is proving more and more useful. The proportion of fiction circulation this year is 64 per cent.

The following tables give the statistics of circulation:

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION.

1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
15,422	16,557	17,703	17,886	15,958	15,634	14,765	14,390	14,257	14,889	14,503

CIRCULATION BY DEPARTMENTS.

Philosophy,	37
Religion, Theology, Ecclesiastical History,	102
Biography,	617
History,	611
Geography, Description, Travels,	567
Political and Social Science, Education, Law,	88
Physical and Natural Science,	73
Useful Arts, Sports, Military and Naval Arts,	95
Theatre, Music,	73
Fine Arts,	101
Literature (General Works, Essays, Letters, etc.),	414
Periodicals (bound volumes),	55
Periodicals (numbers),	2,164
Fiction,	9,289
Poetry, Drama,	114
Literary History, Bibliography,	90
Language,	4
Miscellaneous,	9

In the matter of binding practically nothing has been done, owing to a lack of means. About a dozen volumes of books needed for reference have been put in covers.

In the catalogue department 950 volumes have been catalogued since the last report. This is considerably less than the number for the year before, but the reduction is explained by the fact this year it has been necessary to relocate a considerable number of books previously done. This has taken considerable time, and as such work is not recorded in the regular cataloguing it necessarily affects the number of books counted.

The rapid accumulation of books, and especially of serial publications, has again brought the problem of shelving into unwelcome prominence. By far the larger part of our donation accessions are of books little likely to be called for. They

have a relative usefulness, and might, on occasion, be the only means we have of supplying information on some given point. But they occupy space which is needed for more important publications, and are, economically, usurpers. Many of these works are publications of some department of the United States Government, and other organizations, useful in themselves, but not of frequent, or even, in many cases, of occasional use, and it becomes a question how far a library of the size of this one, with limited accommodation, is justified in keeping such works on its shelves. Although this library has now ceased to be a depository for the publication sent forth from the Office of Superintendent of Documents, the sheep-bound documents heretofore acquired occupy somewhat less than 300 shelves and number nearly 10,000 volumes.

The problem of accommodation might be solved, for the present, at least, if we had a store-room where unused books of the class above mentioned might be deposited. There they would be accessible without occupying needed space elsewhere. Such a store-room might be made of the cellar under the stack room. The rubbish now occupying it would have to be cleared out, the room sheathed and floored, the embrasures of the windows cleared, and gas introduced. Then, with the shelving left from the old wooden cases, sufficient shelf-room could be provided for all of the old and little used books in the stack, and for many of the larger weekly periodicals.

There are now on our shelves a considerable number of old medical works which are absolutely useless to us, and are never consulted. The modern methods of laboratory investigation have wholly revolutionized the practice of medicine, and hence have rendered obsolete and useless all the books on the practice of physic previously in vogue. The number of such books which might be discarded without loss to the library is about 200 volumes, or more if old medical periodicals are included. A similar process of elimination might be applied to some of

the other departments in the Stack Room without sensible loss to the efficiency of the library. The theory that a library should preserve everything that is offered or given to it may be defended in the case of a large library with ample accommodations, but it certainly is a pernicious principle when applied to a small private library like ours. It is even doubtful if all the periodicals which we acquire by gift or purchase are worth preserving. Unless some such process of weeding out as is indicated above be not soon undertaken, another stack or a storage room will very soon be necessary.

There have been no gifts of portraits during the year.

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian.

List of Periodicals taken 1907-8.

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| <p>Advocate of peace, <i>From</i> R. C. Derby.</p> <p>American anthropologist</p> <p>American historical review.</p> <p>American Institute of Architects quarterly bulletin, <i>From the</i> Institute.</p> <p>American journal of archæology.</p> <p>American journal of science.</p> <p>American monthly.</p> <p>American monthly magazine, <i>From the</i> Daughters of the American Revolution.</p> <p>American naturalist.</p> <p>Antiquary.</p> <p>Art journal.</p> <p>Army and Navy journal.</p> <p>Association review. <i>From</i> F. W. Booth.</p> <p>Athenæum.</p> <p>Atlantic monthly.</p> <p>Bird lore.</p> <p>Blackwood's magazine.</p> <p>Bookman.</p> <p>Bookseller.</p> <p>Boston daily advertiser.</p> <p>Boston daily herald.</p> <p>Boston transcript.</p> <p>Brown Alumni monthly. <i>From</i> Brown University.</p> <p>Bulletin American Geographical Society. <i>From</i> D. B. Fearing.</p> <p>Bulletin of bibliography.</p> | <p>Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor. <i>From the</i> U. S. Bureau of Labor.</p> <p>Burlington magazine.</p> <p>Catholic world. <i>Gift</i>.</p> <p>Century.</p> <p>Chambers journal.</p> <p>Charities.</p> <p>Christian register. <i>From the</i> Publisher.</p> <p>Civic league bulletin. <i>From</i> G. P. Wetmore.</p> <p>Cloyne magazine. <i>From</i> O. W. Huntington.</p> <p>Collier's weekly.</p> <p>Columbia University Quarterly. <i>From</i> Columbia University.</p> <p>Contemporary review.</p> <p>Cornhill magazine.</p> <p>Country life in America.</p> <p>Craftsman.</p> <p>Dial.</p> <p>Deutsche literaturzeitung.</p> <p>Edinburgh review.</p> <p>Educational review.</p> <p>English historical review.</p> <p>Forestry and irrigation. <i>From</i> A. B. Emmons.</p> <p>Fortnightly review.</p> <p>Forum.</p> <p>Geographical journal.</p> <p>Geological magazine.</p> <p>Graphic.</p> |
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- Harper's magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Indian's friend. *From the Women's Nat. Indian Association.*
 International studio.
 Journal des débats.
 Journal of American history.
 Keramic studio.
 Knowledge.
 Kunst für alle.
 Library journal.
 Lippincott's magazine.
 Littell's living age.
 McClure's magazine.
 Magazine of history.
 Mail (London).
 Modern language notes.
 Montreal weekly gazette. *Gift.*
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 From the Museum (Boston).
 Musical standard.
 Nation.
 National geographic magazine.
 Nature.
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New York evening post.
 New York genealogical and biographical record.
 New York sun.
 New York times.
 New York tribune.
 Newport daily news. *From the publisher.*
 Newport herald. *From the publisher.*
 Newport journal. *From the publisher.*
 Newport Mercury. *From the publisher.*
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and Queries (London).
 Ohio arch. and hist. quarterly.
From the Ohio State Arch. and Hist. Society.
 Open court. *From A. Blight.*
 Our four-footed friends. *From the Animal Rescue League.*
 Outing.
 Outlook.
 Peterman's mittheilungen.
 Photo era.
 Poet lore.
 Popular astronomy.
 Popular science monthly.
 Protectionist. *From the Home Market Club.*
 Providence daily journal.
 Providence medical journal. *From the R. I. Medical Society.*
 Public health. *From Michigan State Board of Health.*
 Public libraries. *From R. Bliss.*
 Publisher's circular.
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 Saturday review.
 Science.

Scientific American and Supplement.	Technological quarterly. <i>From</i> Mrs. W. B. Rogers.
Scribner's magazine.	Transactions of the R. I. Medical Society. <i>From the</i> Society.
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Southern workman. <i>From</i> A. B. Emmons.	Velhagen and Klasings monatshefte.
Spectator.	Weather map, Daily. <i>From</i> U. S. Weather Bureau, Providence.
Springfield weekly republican.	World's work.
Strand magazine. <i>From</i> R. Bliss.	
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The Newport Libraries.*

BY

RICHARD BLISS,

Librarian of Redwood Library.

*Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Rhode Island
Library Association:*

Just as the field geologist by a fortunate blow of his hammer may disclose in some ancient rock the fossil form of a species whose modern, living, representative is to be found in the pond or stream at his feet, so in this ancient town, to which we give you a warm welcome to-day, may be seen, side by side, the ancestral form and the modern representative of the library idea. It is, to carry out the parallelism, in illustration of this view that I now invite your attention to a short chapter in library palaeontology.

Unfortunately my analogy is somewhat handicapped by the popular denotation of the word "fossil," which is usually taken to mean something superannuated, obsolete or dead—something which has outlived its usefulness and very properly is entombed in oblivion. It is scarcely necessary for me to say, however, that in comparing the venerable and beloved Redwood Library to a fossil, I am not using the word in its popular and figurative sense, but as expressing the idea of an or-

* Address delivered at the Newport Meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association May 25, 1908.

ganic being, ancestral to, yet contemporaneous with, its modified descendant—the public library. For it is self-evident that the free library is but a divergent form of the corporate library, and although in the evolutionary process the latter may be improved upon, and to a large extent supplanted by the former, yet in the library world, as in the palæontological, survivals are neither impossible nor uncommon.

Like many corporate libraries, the Redwood had its origin, so to speak, in a private club. In the year 1730 a number of prominent men of culture in Newport established "A Literary and Philosophical Society," of which the celebrated Bishop Berkeley was a member. This society held weekly meetings, with debates and discussions on subjects connected with the objects of the club. After a time, the debates ceased to form a prominent feature of the meetings, and the acquirement of a society library became the chief aim of its members. As the collection of books became larger, there gradually developed the idea of forming an incorporated library "for the promotion of knowledge and virtue." Abraham Redwood, a public-spirited citizen of Newport, generously offered to give for this purpose five hundred pounds Sterling "for purchasing a library of all arts and sciences, put under the most prudent limitations and restrictions; whereunto the curious and impatient enquirer after resolution of doubts, and the bewildered ignorant, might freely repair for discovery and demonstration to the one, and true knowledge and satisfaction to the other," as the quaint phraseology of the day expressed it, provided a suitable building was erected to hold the books.

To this end five thousand pounds were very soon subscribed by various citizens of the town, and, in addition thereto, Henry Collins—a wealthy merchant of Newport—gave the lot of land, then called Bowling Green, upon which the library now stands. At the same time a charter of incorporation was obtained, and thus was founded in 1747 the Redwood Library and

Athenæum—one of the oldest libraries in the country. Excluding the four colleges—Harvard, Yale, College of New Jersey, and College of William and Mary—the only living libraries whose founding antedates that of Redwood are three in Philadelphia, namely: The Library Company of Philadelphia, 1731; The Carpenter's Company, 1736; and the American Philosophical Society, 1743.

The library building, begun in 1748, and finished in 1750, was scarcely larger than the present day library building in any small New England town, although with its massive Doric front, it presented a much more imposing appearance. The interior was thirty-seven feet long, twenty-six feet wide, with two small wings, each about twelve feet square, flush with the front of the main building.

The first meeting of the corporation was held in September, 1747, and Abraham Redwood was elected president, and Edward Scott, grand-uncle of Sir Walter Scott and Master of the Newport Grammar School, was chosen librarian. The following year a list of the books which the Company had decided to purchase was sent to London, and the purchase was made by John Tomlinson.

In 1764 the corporation printed its first catalogue, which, in addition to the books purchased with Mr. Redwood's gift, included the volumes belonging to the now reorganized society, and one hundred and fifty volumes given by "several gentlemen." This catalogue is quite a curiosity, and is interesting not only as indicating the literary taste of the time, but as a sample of catalogue making in the middle of the eighteenth century. It was a thin duodecimo, of twenty-eight pages, in paper covers. The arrangement was based primarily on size, from folios to duodecimos, but only the octavos were subdivided by subjects. The folios numbered 210 volumes, embracing 142 titles. The quartos, 96 titles; the octavos, 481 titles, and the duodecimos, 133 titles. Among the octavos the clas-

sics had 95 titles; history, 73; divinity and morality, 48; physik, 42; law, 24; natural history and mathematics, 54; liberal and mechanical arts, 54, and miscellaneous, including politics, 37. There was scarcely any light literature—a few books of tales and fables representing our modern fiction—but an abundance of truly serious reading, such as: Stackhouse's *Body of Divinity*; Bedford's *Chronology*; Crehbour's *Art of Fortification*; Origen contra Celsus; Wolff's *Elementa Mathesos*, and Cudworth's *Intellectual System*. But men were nourished on more substantial intellectual food in those days than we are at present, and it must be said that, on the whole, the collection was a very well selected one.

In 1750 a committee composed of Daniel Updike, James Honeyman, Jr., Thomas Ward and Matthew Robinson drew up a system of laws for the government of the Library Company, and the same year a tax of twelve hundred pounds was assessed to defray the expenses of completing the building.

From this time on until the outbreak of the Revolution the Library enjoyed a period of uninterrupted prosperity, and its beneficial influence was felt, not only by the citizens of Newport, but by many others who visited the town from places as distant as South Carolina and the West Indies. Many scholars, such as Channing and Stiles, sought its precincts for the purpose of carrying on the literary work in which they were engaged. In fact, Dr. Stiles fixed his residence in Newport in order to avail himself of the resources of the library, and not only drew much material for his works from the books on its shelves, but also, while acting as librarian, by personal solicitation obtained for it many valuable works from European authors.

This peaceful state of affairs was rudely interrupted by the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, and from 1778 to 1785 no meetings of the Company were held, and no use was made of the library. The unsettled condition of the country consequent

upon its occupation by the British troops caused many of its best citizens to seek temporary homes elsewhere, and the library was left to take care of itself. It suffered somewhat from pillage and neglect, but, on the whole, there was less injury done, and fewer books lost than might have been expected, considering its exposed and unprotected situation in the outskirts of the town. Some books may have been destroyed wantonly, but one can scarcely imagine that Tommy Atkins would find Brown's Procedure of the Understanding, or Mrs. Rowe's Friendship in Death sufficiently attractive to be worth carrying off.

With the return of peace in 1785, the meetings of the Company were resumed, but its affairs were far from satisfactory. There were numerous repairs to be made, lost books to be recovered if possible, and the formation of another catalogue. The death of Mr. Redwood three years later was a most serious blow to the institution, and the lack of his fostering influence, as the years went on, showed itself in a marked decline in interest in the library. So much so indeed that at the beginning of the eighteenth century, thirty-three members formed the whole of the Library Company. An idea of the state of affairs in the library at this time may be gained by considering what Dr. William Ellery Channing said of it in an address delivered in 1836: "I had two noble places of study. One was yonder beautiful edifice, now frequented and so useful as a public library; then so deserted that I spent day after day, and sometimes week after week, amid its dusty volumes without interruption from a single visitor."

Much was done between 1800 and 1810 to restore the library to its former prosperous condition. The charter was renewed, efforts were made to increase the sale of shares, and to encourage contributions to its depleted treasury from the wealthier members of the community, but not until 1810 was any real revival of interest noticed. From this time on up to the out-

break of the Civil War the affairs of the library were once more satisfactory. An increase in the number of shareholders, large donations of books, and a ready response from many generous citizens of the town to an appeal for funds for the purpose of enlarging the library building, showed that love for, and appreciation of, the old institution had not died out. In a short address like this, it is manifestly impossible to mention the names of all those who gave liberally of their time and money to furthering the interests of this institution, but mention should certainly be made of such steadfast friends of the library as James Ogilvie, Robert Rogers, Robert Johnston, Solomon Southwick and Abraham Redwood, grandson of the founder.

What the library received in the way of accessions between 1750 and 1810 was entirely from donations, since, during that period, not a single book was purchased, not a single assessment made. The revenue of the library at this time was solely from fines and the annual tax of twenty shillings on each share, which was wholly devoted to "discharging officer's salaries, incidental charges, and unavoidable repairs."

In 1858 an addition was made to the east end of the original building, and the two small wings of the latter were extended to meet it. This room (now the Reading Room), which was designed by George Snell, of Boston, was fifty feet long, twenty-eight feet wide and nineteen feet high. It was abundantly lighted by six side windows and an octagonal dome. Originally the ceiling of the dome was finely frescoed, but subsequently, leaks in the roof (a chronic complaint, by the way) so injured it that it was replaced by plain tinted panels in plaster.

At the beginning of the Civil War, the library again lost a number of its books, by the sudden departure of most of its southern residents, doubtless owing to the haste with which the household property of these families were packed for shipment south. On the other hand, many valuable donations of books,

pictures, and statuary, in addition to considerable sums in money, were made about this time. Among these generous friends of the library mention should be made of Dr. William I. Walker, a temporary resident of Newport, who bequeathed to the library the sum of ten thousand dollars. Among the other donors prominently stand the names of Edward King, of Newport, and Charles B. King, a portrait painter, a native of Newport, but long resident in Washington. The gifts of Edward King were several valuable pieces of statuary, and C. B. King gave, and later bequeathed, a very large collection of valuable portraits painted by him, and some other paintings; a magnificent collection of rare copperplate engravings, and nearly nine thousand dollars in cash. The King portraits—most of them excellent likenesses of prominent statesmen and lawgivers of this country—still adorn our walls, but the collection as a whole is practically inaccessible owing to the fact that the only place where they can be hung is on the walls of the Stack Room—inconvenient of access, and not well lighted.

From the early days of this institution the word "Athenæum" was not a mere rhetorical expression. The library was intended to be, so to speak, the dwelling place of the divine Athenæ—the patron of science and art no less than of literature. To this end, the Library Company welcomed gifts of various kinds, such as specimens of natural history, antique china, relics, and other articles of curiosity, which were displayed in suitable cases and were interesting to adults no less than to the wondering youth. Here might have been seen a Feejee war-club, or arrow-heads from Indian battlegrounds, hobnobbing with a button from some British uniform, or a lady's slipper from which, perchance, at the ball some gallant may have toasted the fair owner in a generous draught of wine.

This portion of the library at last became a veritable museum, and so encroached on the space needed for books, that the various articles were finally deposited in the rooms of the

Historical Society and of the Society of Natural History, where they could be seen to better advantage.

But the collection of books had been growing rapidly—the additions ranging from 400 to 1,500 volumes a year—till at last it outgrew its confines, and more room was needed for its 21,000 volumes. In 1874 money was raised for a second addition to the building, and this, like the previous addition, was so designed as to conform as nearly as possible to the architectural style of the original structure. The architect of the new part was George C. Mason, of Newport. The new room was forty-eight feet long, thirty-six feet wide and thirty feet high, with a side room on the south for the meetings of the Directors of the Company. It was originally used as a reading room, but it was found difficult to warm it adequately in winter, so it was turned into an exhibition room for the portraits and curiosities. This addition is now used as a Stack Room and contains two steel stacks, one the gift of William H. Potter, of Kingston, and the other the gift of George H. Norman, Sr., of Newport.

The Redwood Library has published at different times four catalogues. The first was printed by Samuel Hall, in 1764, and has been already mentioned. The second was printed by Rousmaniere and Barber, in 1816, with a supplement in 1829. A third catalogue was issued in 1843, and a fourth, a substantial volume of 383 pages, arranged by authors with an index of subjects and titles, in 1860. Towards the end of the year 1888, Mrs. Bliss, the library cataloguer, began the preparation of a card catalogue of the books then in the library. This was finished at the end of 1894, and represented 41,336 volumes—an increase of 31,832 volumes since the printed catalogue of 1860.

For some years following the construction of the East Room in 1875, the library was much straitened in its finances—the new building having cost considerably more than was antici-

pated. Since fewer books were bought, public interest in the library declined, and some shares lapsed through non-payment of taxes. In 1880 Benjamin H. Rhoades, who had been librarian for twenty-two years, died, and in 1884 the present librarian was chosen. Under the authorization of the Board of Directors, certain needed reforms in the internal management were instituted and ultimately carried out. The old and tried friends of the library rallied to its support, and new ones came forward to help on the work.

From this time on the library has increased yearly in efficiency, and in the facilities which it offers to students. Unfortunately, however, this increased usefulness has not been followed by a corresponding increase in its membership, and as its invested funds alone are not sufficient for its support, the lack of more ample income from taxes and subscriptions is a serious drawback to its progress.

What then is the cause of this apparent lack of interest on the part of the people? It cannot be that the old library, with its stores of valuable reference works and well-chosen books of standard and popular literature fails to supply a want. The constant use of the library by teachers, students, and readers generally, refutes this assumption. The treasures of the library, sometimes hidden away in old and nearly forgotten volumes, have more than once given valuable aid to the scholar in the literary work upon which he was engaged, and more than one book has been composed within its walls.

The reason why the library fails to a certain extent to appeal to the people of this city is probably to be found in a combination of causes. One undoubtedly is in the increase in the number of private book-clubs in the city. These supply current literature, not indeed at a less cost than does our library, but unquestionably more promptly than we can where hundreds are waiting for a book that the club supplies to a much smaller number. Another cause probably lies in the multiplicity of

cheap magazines and weekly papers. These can be bought for a trifling sum, kept as long as one cares for them, and then thrown away. Still another cause—of much more recent date—that tends greatly to vitiate the habit of solid reading, is the Bridge-Whist Clubs. To be sure, a person who can feel an absorbing interest in Bridge, is not likely to care much for anything more serious than an ephemeral novel, so perhaps the defection of this class is an overrated factor.

Still another cause, but probably a less potent one than is commonly supposed, is the existence of the free library. Can a corporate library in a small city compete with a free library? It is self-evident that it can if it be sufficiently endowed. But this is just the trouble. A library, be it free or corporate, is like a growing boy; the garments that fit him to-day will be too narrow to-morrow. As the library grows—and growth in the library world, as in the animal or vegetable kingdoms, is a sign of vitality and progress—its expenses increase, and the vesture of the present proves inadequate for even the immediate future. In a public library this demand is usually provided for by taxation, but in a society library dependence must be placed on its investments and on its taxable shares. The friends of the Redwood Library have been most generous in the past, but a larger endowment is necessary for its continued progress.

With a noble, unbroken history from Colonial times to the present day—a history that includes the names of many men who have been famous in the literary annals, not merely of Rhode Island, but of America; with a building rich with the external beauty of an ancient architecture, and enhanced by the charm of a chaste and dignified interior decoration; with an abundant store of ancient and modern literature, the Redwood Library should be valued not only as a noble historical monument, but should also be a living force for education and refinement to the people among whom it stands.

But, alas, it must be admitted that, be the cause whatever it may, this venerable library is not at the present day the influence for culture that it was in early years of its existence. *Omnia mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis*. Perhaps we as a people have degenerated, and are no longer worthy of the high privileges that were once our fathers' choicest possessions. And, possibly also, in the course of a few generations more, when we shall become thoroughly commercialized and materialized, we shall look back to the time when we felt the need of a library, with something akin to the feeling that a grown man has as he recalls the time when he needed a cradle and a nursing-bottle.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I perceive that in concluding what I had to say on the Redwood Library, I have unconsciously indulged in a peroration, and that logically my address should end here. But there are other libraries in the city that are doing equally good work in their several ways, and they should not be neglected.

Pre-eminent among these, not only on account of the size of its collection of books, but also for the educational work that it is doing, is the People's Library. This institution is, indeed, a free library, but it is not a public library in the sense in which the term is generally understood. By this I mean that the city of Newport does not contribute one cent to its maintenance—not even the dog tax—yet anyone living in Newport may enjoy all of its privileges, free from any tribute, except such as they may themselves incur in fines for over-due books. For some inscrutable reason, the charter of this library requires that one member of its Board of Trustees shall be a member of the Common Council of the city, and the library trustees always make their annual report to the city, which report is printed among the civic documents. Naturally the city is satisfied with this singular arrangement, and apparently the Trustees of the library are also.

Such a library can be supported and made effective only by

a special endowment, and this the People's Library possesses through the liberality of the late Christopher Townsend, who not only conceived the idea of founding a free library here, and, for this purpose, bought in England a collection of carefully selected and handsomely bound books, but who by gifts of money during his lifetime enriched it to the extent of \$80,000. Mr. Townsend's idea of a free library was, it would appear, anticipated a few years by the action of several gentlemen in the town who had begun a collection of books with the same end in view. These were subsequently incorporated with the Townsend gift, and the whole formed the beginning of the People's Library, which was dedicated in 1870. It is interesting to note that Mr. Townsend was as modest as he was generous, since he resolutely refused to allow the library to be called the Townsend Library, or to have his name connected with it in any prominent way whatever.

The People's Library now numbers 35,716 volumes, and has an annual circulation of about 43,500 volumes.

Like its older associate on Bellevue Avenue, the People's Library suffers from lack of an endowment sufficient for its present needs, and, above all else, it should have far more commodious quarters. Its rooms—inconvenient of access, up a long flight of stairs, in one of the noisiest quarters of the city, cramped and wholly unsuitable in their arrangement and size—make one wonder how it is that the great numbers that go there are accommodated; how the readers take any satisfaction in the Reading Room, or how the librarian and her assistants can effectively do the work that daily devolves upon them. I trust that the librarian, Miss L. K. Leavitt, will pardon me when I say, in passing, that the present efficiency of the library is due to her admirable foresight and judgment, no less than to her untiring devotion, in which, it would seem, she is heartily seconded by her assistants. The children of Newport, in particular, owe her an infinite debt of gratitude for what she has done for their enlightenment and entertainment.

